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Council HQ plans put in for cottage

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PLANS to turn one of Ely's most precious buildings into council offices are one step closer to becoming reality.

Maltings Cottage, a Grade II listed, dilapidated building in Waterside, has been at the centre of controversy for years.

The building, located beside The Maltings, hit the headlines in 2011 after East Cambridgeshire District Council, which owns the cottage, applied for planning permission to renovate it into holiday lets.

The application caused uproar with locals, who insisted the building should be made available for public use.

Fred Brown, the then leader of the district council, was forced to back down over the plans following the public outcry.

The City of Ely Council then expressed an interest in transforming the cottage into new headquarters for its members – and it is exactly that which now looks set to go ahead.

This week, the city council applied for formal planning permission to change the use of the building into offices.

If approved by the district council – which still owns the lease of the building – the city council would close its offices in Market Street and re-locate to Waterside.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, Ely's Mayor, Cllr Will Burton, said the plan is to turn the majority of the two-storey cottage into offices, but to also have an area of retail space.

He said: "Discussions about the future of Maltings Cottage have been dragging on for some time and it's good to now have some sort of vision for its future.

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Offices and retail plans for cottage

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"The district council still owns the lease and we've been waiting for them to sign it over to us since October but our plans are now in.

"We want to turn the majority of the cottage into offices so that we can re-locate everything there from Market Street.

"We believe the increase in space and the improved location would give the city council a greater presence in Ely.

"We have also applied to change the use of an area of the building to retail.

"We're not sure exactly what sort of shop or business we want there yet but it would certainly be something that complements the Riverside area well.

"This is exciting news for both the cottage, which has been left to fall into a poor state, and the city council."

A spokesman for the district council confirmed the authority had received the city council's planning application.

He added: "The paperwork for the lease of Maltings Cottage has recently been finalised and is currently with the City of Ely Council's solicitors.

"We look forward to receiving the completed declaration and signed lease to complete this matter."

To have your say on the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Safety first: Spencer Larwood, caretaker at St Andrew's Primary School, Soham, clearing the paths when the school was closed. Picture: Richard Patterson 888585

So much fun: Elsa Aybak, 10, on Cherry Hill, Ely. 888344

Take aim: Jack Robinson, 9, snowballing in Soham. 888346

School closures and travel delays as big freeze goes on

SNOW and ice continued to wreak havoc in East Cambridgeshire this week.

The big freeze may have made Ely Cathedral and the Fens look spectacular but with it came school closures, treacherous driving conditions and commuter chaos.

A total of 108 out of Cambridgeshire's 250 schools were forced to close because of the snow on Monday, although the majority were able to re-open on Tuesday.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire County Council said: "The decision to close a school is made by the headteacher alone, normally in consultation with the chair of governors. They are best placed to make that decision, based on the local conditions.

"There are a variety of reasons why a school might close. The most common is because staff can't get in. The majority of children live in the catchment area of their school, but teachers don't. In many cases, they can't afford to.

"As always, the welfare of the children is the schools' top priority."

The white stuff also affected waste and recycling collections in East Cambridgeshire.

The district council was forced to suspend all services on Monday, affecting residents in the areas of Sutton, Haddenham, Aldreth, Grunty Fen, Earith Bridge, Stretham, Wilburton, Chittering, Witchford, Isleham and Wentworth.

The authority said it would make every effort to catch up with those collections on Tuesday. People whose rubbish was not collected by Tuesday were told to take their rubbish in and put it out on the next collection date.

Liz Knox, head of environment services at the council said: "We apologise for the suspension of the waste and recycling service on Monday.

"While main roads were passable with care, unfortunately many estates were not due to the snow and ice.

"The contractors, Veolia, hoped to catch up on Tuesday but if that was not possible we are asking residents to take their waste back in and put it out again on their next due collection day."

As ever, snow and ice also caused delays on numerous rail services and on the roads, and on Saturday, the craft and collectables market in Ely had to be cancelled.

The district council said all markets this week would go ahead as normal, weather permitting.

For more information about your waste and recycling collections, call (01353) 665555 or visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Busy spell: John Richards, area manager at the Witchford county council depot, preparing for the next run of gritting. Picture: Keith Heppell 888680

Jail sentence for sex with girl, 12

A MAN who had sex with a 12-year-old girl in her bedroom while her family was downstairs has been jailed for four years.

Leigh Arense, 25, struck up a relationship with an underage victim from the East Cambridgeshire area on an internet chat room before travelling to meet her on August 28.

Believing the girl to be 14, he stayed in her room for 48 hours and the two had sex unbeknown to her family downstairs, Cambridge Crown Court heard on Monday.

But when her mother came upstairs to tell her off about the smell of smoke coming from her room, Arense hid behind the bedroom door undetected.

After overhearing that she was 12, he decided to go back to London – but the girl went with him.

Her family told her to return and it was then that she told them she had unprotected sex with a man in her room.

Arense, of Brunswick Park, London, was arrested on September 4. He pleaded guilty to two counts of rape of a girl under the age of 13 at an earlier hearing.

Jailed: Leigh Arense.

Sara Walker, prosecuting, said: "The victim said she started to kiss him and that he initially pushed her off. She then tried to kiss him again and he kissed her back before they had sex.

"The defendant stayed in the victim's room where the two watched DVDs.

"The next evening, her mum came up and he hid behind the door. Her mum was appalled at the mess and said that her daughter shouldn't be smoking at the age of 12."

In mitigation, David McIntosh said that his client's response to finding out the girl's true age was one of "shock".

He said: "She said she had previous sexual partners and deliberately deceived him. When he found out her age he reacted with shock.

"She was the one who insisted on following him to London and in his defence he didn't want her to come with him."

Judge Jonathan Haworth said that Arense had "no real interest in ascertaining the girl's age".

He said: "You are 25 years old and this is not a case of an 18 or 19-year-old – you are a mature adult.

"You had been in her bedroom when you knew that members of her family were also in the house.

"There was a sheer irresponsibility on your part when you failed to find out her real age."

Arense was also handed a 10-year Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

Chance to choose new school's name

RESIDENTS are being given the chance to help pick a name for Soham's new primary school.

Last month the Staploe Education Trust (SET) was given formal permission by the Department for Education to run the town's third primary school.

The plan is to open the new school at Soham's Northern Gateway in September.

And now the trust needs to decide what to name the school.

Four names have been proposed, each of which has a particular connection to Soham and its history – The Shade, Northfield Windmill, Equiano and William Case Morris.

Visit www.sohamvc.org.uk and follow the link to the consultation document. The deadline for responses is noon on Monday.

Blockbuster blow for the High Street

ELY'S High Street has been dealt another blow after Blockbuster video stores went into administration.

The DVD and video games rental firm has become the latest casualty of the economy.

The news follows the collapse of Jessops camera retailers and the fall of HMV.

Gift cards and credit acquired through the company's trade-in scheme will be honoured, the administrators say.

Joint administrators have been appointed to run the business from advisory firm Deloitte.

Police in hunt for gang who attacked pupils

A GANG of youths assaulted and hurled abuse at two schoolboys as they walked home.

Police are looking for a group who assaulted the 14-year-old boys as they walked to the train station in Ely on Monday, January 14.

They had finished school at 4.30pm, met friends and walked to the station.

As they reached Barton Square they were approached by a gang who started shouting at the boys.

The yobs then followed the boys before punching the two victims in the head and running off.

Another assault had happened just previously on a 17-year-old boy in the King's School grounds. He was not seriously injured and the incident is being linked to the later assault.

The two main offenders were white and aged between 16 and 20.

One had a local accent and wore a black coat. The other had blond hair and wore a dark blue coat.

Det Con Dan Bramley said: "These incidents may be linked to a snowball fight which happened earlier during school time.

"I would like to hear from anyone who has any information about this incident or who may have seen the group before or after.

"We are working with the boys' parents and the school to try to find those responsible."

Anyone with information should contact DC Bramley on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

What am I bid?: auctioneer David Palmer sets up his art exhibition at the Babylon Gallery.

Picture: Richard Patterson 889025

TV expert's collection goes on sale

TELEVISION auctioneer David Palmer is hosting his own exhibition in Ely this week.

David, who lives in the city and stars in numerous television shows, including *Flog It!* and *Bargain Hunt*, will be showcasing and selling a variety of items he has collected over the years.

The exhibition, entitled Black on White, is being held at the Babylon Gallery in Ely's Waterside.

There will be etchings, engravings, prints, drawings, sculptures and oddments – all displayed in the manner of an old print shop.

David, who is renowned for his vibrant waistcoats, said there will be prints from the 17th century right through to contemporary artists, including a bollard – possibly a Banksy.

Prints will be valued between £15 and £1,500.

The event starts on today at 3pm when David will give a talk about the items on show and sale. Tickets are £3.

The exhibition will then run from tomorrow to Sunday, February 3 and will be open from noon-4pm every day. Entry is free. Visit *www.adec.org.uk* for more information.

Lidl awaits decision on store bid

GERMAN supermarket chain Lidl is waiting to hear whether it can open a store in Ely.

The budget retail giant failed to build a food outlet in the city in 2007 and 2008 – but last year bosses submitted fresh plans to build just a non-food store in the city instead.

The fresh proposals involved changing the use of the EMG Ford showroom in Angel Drove – directly opposite Tesco.

However, those proposals were also rejected by planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council and an appeal against the authority's decision was submitted last year.

The planning appeal hearing was held in Ely last Wednesday and the supermarket chain is now waiting to hear the outcome.

A spokeswoman for Lidl said: "The appeal hearing was held on January 16 for the change of use of an existing car showroom to non-food (comparison) retail floor space to be occupied by a restricted range of operators at EMG Ford Group, Angel Drove, Ely.

"We are awaiting the outcome of the appeal and therefore will not be able to comment further at this time."

Lidl's biggest rivals, Aldi, are currently building in nearby Lisle Lane, with the new store due to open in March .

New plan drawn up to tackle waterfowl

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ELY'S waterfowl population is back under the spotlight – and this time council chiefs are vowing to tackle the troublesome birds for good.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has explored many methods over the years to try to control the city's birds – in particular the Muscovy ducks and the Canada geese.

The authority has created a duck feeding area in Waterside to try to stop the birds from coming on land and has even oiled Muscovy duck eggs to prevent the chicks from hatching – something which caused uproar among locals.

According to the council, the main problem with the city's ever-increasing wildfowl is the amount of mess they make in the Waterside and Riverside area.

Now the authority is drawing up a plan to find a long-term solution.

This includes erecting new signs in Waterside to tell people about the ducks and how not to encourage them onto the land – as well as fencing off the slipway area beside Babylon Bridge to make it more difficult for the birds to leave the water.

Problem: Canada geese at Waterside have been fouling the area.

The council also wants to develop an 'education plan' to help improve the health of the birds, such as providing the right food for them and discouraging people from feeding them bread and cake, which is bad for their health.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman of the council's community and environment committee, hopes the new plan will provide solutions to "meet the needs of all parties".

He said: "The plan attempts to tackle two key issues – changing the way we feed our local wildfowl and reducing the access the birds have to the footpaths.

"For many years, the thorny subject of how to manage our duck population has been the subject of much debate in Ely.

"Many ideas have been explored over the last few years but have not provided a solution to meet the needs of all parties.

"This is why over the last few months we have been working with local groups to develop a long-term plan which we want to test with the public."

A consultation on the waterfowl strategy will be launched later this year.

The plan will then form part of a wider consultation on Ely's Riverside, the Riverside Improvement Plan, which will be consulted on this summer.

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Changes approved for new council tax support scheme

RESIDENTS in East Cambridgeshire who own a second home will no longer be eligible for council tax reductions.

People who own empty properties will also receive less in reductions in a bid to help bring more empty buildings in the district back into use.

The changes will come into force in April after a new council tax support scheme was approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council members at a full council meeting.

The authority was forced to draw up the new scheme after the Government abolished the national scheme for council tax benefit and reduced the money it gives councils to pay those benefits by 10 per cent.

The new blueprint, which was developed following a public consultation, reduces council tax exemptions for people who own an empty property and removes it for those with second properties.

Council leader, Peter Moakes, says the changes will support the district's most "vulnerable" residents in these tough economic times.

A 50 per cent council tax premium will also be charged on properties that remain empty for more than two years to encourage them to be brought back into use.

Cllr Moakes said: "When the Government announced it was abolishing the national scheme for council tax benefit we knew we would be faced with some difficult decisions.

"However, we received great support from the public via the consultation which provided tremendous guidance to the scheme we have developed.

"As a consequence of their feedback, we have designed the council tax support scheme to protect the most vulnerable people in our society as far as possible.

"For example, by giving less generous discounts to people with empty properties, we have limited the impact on people with low incomes.

"This goes to show how important it is to have your say in consultations to help shape policies."

Winner keen to spoil youngsters

ELY resident Vikki Aldridge was the lucky winner of one of our competitions.

In December we gave our readers the chance to win £100 to spend at the City Cycle Centre in Ely by simply answering three questions about the store in Market Street.

Vikki, of Crauden Gardens, was picked at random as the winner and she collected her prize on January 9.

She said: "I entered the competition as I've got a niece and nephew that I wanted to spoil.

"I never thought I'd win – it's fantastic.

"I'd like to thank both the *Ely Weekly News* and the City Cycle Centre for making this happen – I can't wait to spend the money on them."

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Recording: the prehistoric decapitation burial site in Soham.

Burial site found at first Roman village

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ARCHAEOLOGISTS are continuing to find evidence of a Roman settlement beneath former allotment land in Soham.

Experts from the Hertford-based firm, Archaeological Solutions, are currently carrying out a dig on land off Fordham Road.

The dig started late last year and is being sponsored by Hopkins Homes Ltd, which was given planning permission to build 96 homes on the land.

The excavation is unearthing yet more evidence of a Roman settlement, which archaeologists say represents the first 'village' at Soham.

Among the wealth of artefacts found on-site are a number of human burials, including one where the person was decapitated before being put in the ground.

Andrew Peachey, a specialist in prehistoric and Roman pottery at the company, said: "The principal discovery on the site is a Roman settlement situated at the south-eastern end of what would have been a fen island, and representing the first 'village' at Soham.

"The settlement appears to have specialised areas of activity relating to occupation, industry (i.e. malting/corn-drying) and possibly stock enclosures, with field systems outside the village.

"However, prior to the Roman settlement, the margins of the Fen and island were heavily exploited by prehistoric settlers, including one who appears to have been decapitated before being placed in a crouched burial in a circular pit.

"The reasons for decapitation are purely theoretical at this stage. One is obviously execution and another is to prevent ghosts.

"Quite often the head is found somewhere on the site, but it's rare for it to be completely missing. This then throws up the question of where the head was taken.

"The excavations are continuing to record large storage pits containing high quantities of pottery and animal bone that suggest the major prehistoric occupation was in the late Bronze Age and early Iron Age."

Mr Peachey said that in the first century AD, before the Roman Conquest, a settlement developed of sufficient wealth to import fine pottery and goods from Europe.

The pottery includes amphorae, which would have been used to import olive oil and wine from France and Spain, and samian ware, a fine red pottery from France and Germany.

But the bulk of pottery came from closer to home, with items from Horningsea and Waterbeach.

The dig is expected to continue until the end of this month.

Visit *www.archaeologicalsolutions.co.uk* for information.

Newcomers needed as councillors quit

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A PARISH council has been left with just four members after the majority of them resigned.

Wilburton Parish Council's nine-strong membership has dropped to just four after five of the councillors decided to quit.

Alan Yarrow, council chairman, said all five resigned over new rules under the Localism Act 2011 which state all councillors have to state their "disclosable pecuniary interests" – and their spouse/partners – online.

The new rule was introduced by the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, and was adopted by East Cambridgeshire District Council last year.

It means all local authorities, including parish councils, have to declare each of their members' interests on the district council's website, as well as their spouse or partner's interests.

Mr Yarrow, a local farmer who has been on the parish council for almost 40 years, said: "We've gone from nine to just four members so we're desperately looking for new members.

"Neil Thompson, Martin Barnham, Chris Day, Victor Harris and Ann Sherwood have all resigned over the new rules under the Localism Act 2011.

"They weren't happy about their personal interests, jobs etc, as well as those of their partners, being published for all to see.

"I personally don't see a problem with it myself but they obviously did and that is up to them.

"In the meantime we cannot even hold meetings until we have more members so I'd urge local people who are interested to come forward."

It is believed other local parish councils could be left in the same predicament as others quit.

A spokesman for the district council said it has no power to make parish councils exempt to the rules.

He said: "Under the Localism Act 2011, all councils are required by law to have a code of conduct that includes provisions for dealing with 'disclosable pecuniary interests' of councillors and their spouse/partners and putting such information on the web.

"These legal requirements have been further defined in regulations by the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government.

"In East Cambridgeshire, the district council approved a new code of conduct last year which a number of parish councils have since copied.

"Unfortunately we are aware that some parish councillors are not happy with the demands of the new law.

"We have no power to give parish councils exemptions – if anyone has any issues with the requirements of the act they must get in touch with the Secretary of State."

For more information about becoming a parish councillor in Wilburton, call the clerk on (01353) 615350.

Injury and illness force delay over public inquiry

A PUBLIC inquiry due to be held in Ely this week has been postponed – as the inspector has broken his ankle.

A two-day inquiry was set to take place at The Maltings today and tomorrow where the Local Campaign for the Protection of Rural Ely (LCPRE) group would be calling for Ely Common, an area of open grassland between Roswell Pits and Prickwillow Road, to be registered as a village green.

The status would protect the land from development or change in the future.

The organisation's original application for the status was turned down by a Supreme Court judge but they have since re-applied.

But the inquiry has now been called off.

Liz Hunter, chairman of the LCPRE, said: "The village green inquiry that was to have been held this week has had to be cancelled because the inspector has broken his ankle and the objector's barrister has flu."

Mrs Hunter said it was hoped the inquiry would go ahead in March.

Electrical store on move

AN independent electrical store has closed its doors in Ely.

Fenway Ltd, a specialist television and electrical shop which also offered a repair service, has shut in the High Street after around 30 years in business.

All the stock has been relocated to the company's shop in Clock Tower Mews, Newmarket.

Martin Pearson, one of the directors at Fenway Ltd, said: "It was a sad decision to close in Ely as we have been there for around 30 years but we decided not to renew our lease and have moved everything under the one roof at our shop in Newmarket."

Fenway Ltd is also an approved Euronics centre.

The shop is one of numerous businesses to have closed or to be closing in Ely recently, including Mayer and the Inkwell in Forehill, and Nuts n Stuff in Newnham Street.

Inquiries into death crash

AN inquest has been opened into the death of a Soham man killed in a crash.

David Rowlands, also known as Anthony, was killed after the white Ford Escort van he was driving collided with a white Volvo lorry on Station Road, Fordham.

Mr Rowlands, 32, of Martins Close, Soham, was pronounced dead at the scene on January 7.

An inquest into his death has been opened by William Morris, coroner for North and East Cambridgeshire, and the cause of death has been confirmed as multiple injuries.

The inquest has been adjourned pending further inquiries.

Trio admit scaffolding theft

THREE men have admitted stealing about £40,000 of scaffolding from a company.

Jamie Allum, 40, Matthew King, 36, and Richard Martin, 34, pleaded guilty to the theft from Tone Scaffolding Services when they appeared at Cambridge Crown Court on Friday.

Allum, of Darbys Yard, Sutton; King, from Cottier Drive, Littleport; and Martin, of Eldith Avenue, Fordham, are on unconditional bail until Friday, February 1.

Families can get more help from KiddyKit

A NEW service has been launched to help struggling parents and carers in the Ely area.

KiddyKit is the brainchild of the Ely Pregnancy Information Centre (EPIC), which is based at Ely's Lighthouse Centre in Lynn Road.

The service will be providing free baby clothes and equipment to local parents and carers who need them.

Families who receive the donations will be referred to the service by a practitioner such as a midwife or social worker.

A spokeswoman for EPIC said: "KiddyKit will pass items to families when they are referred by a practitioner such as a midwife, social worker, minister of religion or health visitor.

New service: from left, Jenny Loaker, Kate Allen, Lisa Smith, Eluned Santos, Margaret Cornell and Anna Linthe. Picture: Richard Patterson 887280

"If you would like to donate clothing or equipment such as cots, stairgates or high chairs, please call us or bring your donation to the Lighthouse Centre."

EPIC is a branch of the national charity CareConfidential and offers free confidential counselling, support, help and advice to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy or have experienced pregnancy loss.

The KiddyKit service is looking for permanent storage space and anyone who can help is urged to get in touch.

For more information, call 07957 897314 or visit the Lighthouse Centre.

Youth forum set for launch date

A FORMER Ely mayor's plans to unite and promote the city's young people are coming into fruition.

When Cllr John Yates was mayor last year, it was his intention to set up a special youth forum.

With the help of others, including community-spirited youngsters, the Ely Youth Forum is now almost ready to go ahead.

And a special youth-orientated exhibition is being held to officially launch it.

The event is being held at the Paradise Centre on Friday, February 15.

Mark Cooney, one of the main organisers of the event, said: "The event will involve exhibitors representing local youth groups from around the Ely area.

"Several organisations that have already booked their place are ADeC, Air Training Corps, The Lantern Dance Theatre Company and Ely Youth Choir. In addition, there will be live music available.

"The website will be a space designed for local groups and clubs to be able to interact and network with one another, as well as sharing information and the latest news about their organisations.

"It is the intention of John Yates and other organisers that the site will be able to provide funds for youth organisations, if streams of revenue can be found from local business and partners.

"If you are an organisation from the Ely area interested in having a stall for the event, the £10 fee is payable in advance.

"Private sector businesses are also welcome as long as they are established to help youth."

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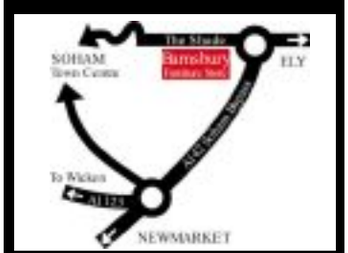

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Right decision by fire service

Sir, Over the past two weeks, I have read the articles about the RAF Airman who joined the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service as a retained firefighter (*Weekly News*, January 10 and 17).

As a former serviceman, I remember being placed on stand-by when firemen took industrial action in the 1970s and 1980s. For me, I never had to go off and fight fires, but I had friends that did, and I was told that feelings between the retained and full-time firefighters were strained over the issue, as the retained firemen chose to work normally and I was also told that the service men and women who manned the old Green Goddesses were not given an easy time by some of the full-ime firemen.

The firefighters have chosen to go on strike or work to rule a number of times sine the 1970s, the FBU represent firefighters and I guess that if the need arose they would take up their legal right to take industrial action again, and I guess again that in the current climate, this is highly possible.

The young man in question should be applauded for wanting to work as what we now call retained firefighters, the fact that his RAF and personal commitments gave him the opportunity to do both was great for him, but on the other side of the coin, if there were to be another firefighters strike, he would have been put in a position that he would have hated. How could he have worked in a situation where he could have been called upon to strike break as a retained officer and as a member of the armed forces.

The RAF and the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are both at fault for allowing this situation to happen, I know some people will disagree with my position, but in my view: in most cases working with or for the military and local community should not be allowed to happen because of outside issues that we as civilians will not be aware of?

I admire this young man and I hope he will remain safe while overseas, serving his country – we all should be proud of him for that and for having the desire to serve his country, but sadly the call of his local community should not be open to him, the fire service has done the right thing.

E Smith
City Road
Littleport

We are not going away!

Sir, I would like to respond to your article regarding the application for planning permission at Kings of Witcham Ltd published in last week's *Ely Weekly News*.

The purpose of applying for planning permission is driven by the desire to relocate the business to a more suitable location within the district where the visibility of the company would be significatly improved.

The staff and customers of the company have been very loyal over a long period and the intention is to maintain continuity for all the stakeholders.

We would like to reassure all your readers it is not the intention of Kings of Witcham to disappear, in fact quite the opposite.

Colin Every
Kings of Witcham Ltd
The Slade, Witcham

On the water: this gull was captured on camera by Jack Thistletwaite, 11, from Sutton when walking by the River Cam with his grandad.

Parking charges is a crazy idea

Sir, I am amazed at the crazy idea of introducing parking charges to Ely. With competition from supermarkets and online shopping and high business rates I feel sorry for the traders.

Do the councils think that the town centre can survive with charity shops, estate agents and cafes alone? I come into Ely to meet friends during the week and we use the cafes and browse around the shops.

If I had to pay for parking I wouldn't stay very long. Multiply this for all the other people in the area and the town centre would soon die. In Cambridge today the difference between a 3hr park and a 4hr is double at £9.40. The park and ride is expensive for two or more people and should be charged per car. (There is often a long wait in the cold to get back as well). No wonder the towns and city centres are dying. Councils use your intelligence and stop hitting the public yet again.

Lesley Charlton
address supplied

Parking forms misunderstood

Sir, With regard to Jordan Day's article on the front page of the *Weekly News* on January 3, if the parking consultation document is considered flawed then it can only be so because it has been designed and proposed by human beings who, even with the best of intentions, cannot be considered perfect.

Maybe the residents who feel it is flawed would like to inform us who they are so we can aspire to their perfection?

Ray Holt, of Mepal, obviously doesn't know a biased document when he sees one as the document presented is certainly not biased but is focused. Firstly, if Mr Holt was a resident of Ely his address wouldn't be Mepal so what is his problem? He only has to tick the box appropriate to his circumstance i.e. a visitor to Ely, as he lives seven miles outside the city (unless another, non-resident, box is appropriate).

Secondly, the consultation document isn't about asking whether or not residents oppose charges, it is about what they think about a proposed scheme aimed at making those who use a service be the payers of it, and not everyone else who lives East Cambs paying for it through their council tax. There is, Mr Holt, a large section, question five, which asks for any additional comments about the proposal and the complete document it forms a part of – this is where anyone can voice an opinion about car parking. Perhaps you missed this?

Finally Mr Holt, answering how one supports/opposes investment of surplus from charges does not give a mandate to the council, it merely tells them how you support/oppose surplus investment – nothing more, nothing less.

Ted Coney, obviously a perfect human being, should simply stop griping. How much fairer can one get than seeking payment for a service from those who use it? It is much more unfair to charge non-drivers or those who don't use the car parks, unless, of course, he'd much rather see his council tax go up to pay for a service he may not use as he lives in the centre of the city? Further, I and I'm sure many others would be very interested in knowing just how much experience Mr Coney has of living in the old Soviet Union – no one living there was under the impression they lived in a democracy. Look to playing an active part in the decision making Mr Coney and not taking the easy path of criticising it from the comfort of your chair.

Like Mr Holt, Mr Coney simply hasn't understood the purpose of the consultation document.

The city council, together with ECDC, has worked hard at finding a way to make a non-statutory service pay for itself and the fairest, most straightforward way is by charging the service-user. Even then the charges cannot be called unreasonable. Why should Sundays be any different to other days of the week? Now shops and other attractions are open on this day too so why shouldn't people parking here be charged for the service as well?

Are the traders actually doing anything to encourage shoppers and visitors into the city – like offering to refund their two-hour fee of 70p if they spend a certain amount in their shops? Are they actually selling what people want and be prepared to pay a small fee to park and buy it? Many of the shops in town could do with a lick of paint, new window displays, smiling staff and new products. This would go more than a long way to making shoppers feel that their car parking fee was well spent.

I'm sure we'd all like everything we want to come out of a very low council tax but most of us are aware we don't live in cloud cuckooland. This proposal is the most reasonable and fairest way for a wanted service to be paid for.

S A Branagh
Forehill
Ely

City needs good mixture of shops

Sir, I have been reading with interest the arguments for the parking charges to be implemented in Ely from July, if agreed.

I have spoken to the representative at the ECDC regarding the costing and she has stated that the cost per year amounts to £300,000. I was astonished at the cost but it is obviously charged to the rates at the moment otherwise the council would not have the money to carry out repairs etc. This means that everyone in the ECDC area is at the moment helping to contribute towards the car parking. Would this still not be the way forward so that everyone helps in a small way and the shops, especially the independents, can continue? This is only January and already two independent shops are closing on Forehill.

Ely does not have enough mix of multiple shops to encourage serious shoppers to come to the town. They will go to other towns, to be followed by many other people if the charge is implemented.

Ely is playing into the hands once again to the out-of-town developments where you can park for free and you can obtain most of your shopping without any hassle.

The proposal for the first hour free is good but many customers would rush to the shops they need and return to the car park within the hour. This would deprive some businesses of their custom, especially coffee shops and restaurants where customers can be seen relaxing after the shopping has been completed.

I am not sure what amount is at present payable by each ratepayer but this must be small and I am sure that most people would prefer that method rather than see several more empty shops .

We do need a good mix if Ely wants to

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attract anyone to the centre.

I speak as a shopkeeper for 33 years, 20 of them spent in Littleport where we have seen the decline of more than 45 shops since 1970 through various changes in the town, especially to the Main Street being made one-way. Think now before Ely follows the same pattern. Most places are now trying to reinvent their high street. Act before this becomes necessary in Ely.

If the council did agree to the charges then the names of the councillors should be shown on a board stating that they were the ones responsible for the decline of Ely. This could be kept as a permanent reminder.

G R Spinks
Wellington Street
Littleport

Media drive has worked so well

Sir, Over the last three decades, fire services up and down the UK have experienced a significant reduction in the number of on-call firefighters.

This issue was beginning to cause us significant problems in how we responded to emergency 999 calls. To address this issue, the service, supported by the fire authority launched a series of recruitment campaigns across Cambridgeshire. The first of the campaigns was launched early last year.

I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of all of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority to thank the *Ely Weekly News* and local on-call firefighters for their assistance in helping our recruitment team to publicise these campaigns.

In 2011, the fire service received only 104 inquiries from people wanting to become an on-call firefighter. Last year this number rose sevenfold to 758 inquiries. This is due to the publicity given to the campaign by the local media and the efforts of local crews in spreading this message.

This has meant that the number of new, on-call firefighters has risen over 400 per cent from 10 in 2011, to 41 last year and for the first time in many years we are now recruiting more on-call firefighters than we are losing due retirement, ill health or changes in circumstance.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service. They provide an efficient, effective service that gives emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK. In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce are generally located in rural communities, small towns and villages.

Your efforts in supporting our campaign have greatly helped us to address what was becoming a real concern for the service. This is certainly an excellent example of local media providing real assistance to both the fire service and the communities around these on-call stations.

Fred Brown
Chairman of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority
Hinchingbrooke Cottage
Brampton Road
Huntingdon

Thank you for your kindness

Sir, Can I please thank the young man and lady who stopped and gave help to my friend, who was visiting Ely, when she became unwell on Friday morning, near to the Tea for Two restaurant in High Street, Ely.

Their help was very much appreciated.

Pat Hillman
Juniper Drive
Ely

Burglar returned as family were talking to police

A BURGLAR stole a family's car and returned to pinch their second vehicle while the victims were speaking with police at their home.

BY JENNIE BAKER

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Clinton Alabaster-Samual, 19, was part of a group who broke into the Ely home and stole keys to two cars and valuables about 6am on August 11, Cambridge Crown Court heard.

The court heard one of the victims had looked out of a window to see her Honda Civic being driven away – with the driver waving at her as he left.

Marti Blair, prosecuting, said the family called the police and when officers were at the Dovehouse Close property, Alabaster-Samual returned and stole their Nissan Qashqai.

The court heard the Honda was found in Littleport and that damage had been caused to a neighbour's Suzuki Ignis as it was driven away. The Nissan has not been recovered.

James Earle, mitigating, said Alabaster-Samual, of Crescent Road, Dagenham, Essex, had been told at 16 there was no room for him at home and had ended up sleeping rough before going to live with his grandmother in Cambridgeshire.

Mr Earle said Alabaster-Samual's grandmother said she did not want him there indefinitely and he had fallen in with bad company.

He said Alabaster-Samual had previously said he knew he had done wrong and he deserved to be punished properly.

Mr Earle said: "It shows a degree of recognition that what he had done was wrong and that it's out of character in the sense that he has not done anything like this before."

Judge Anthony Bate said the defendant had been part of a group with others who were perhaps more criminally sophisticated than him.

He said: "A particularly brazen feature of this burglary was the theft of not one but two cars belonging to that householder.

"The disturbance had woken the victims and while she was speaking to the police, she saw one of the burglars, not necessarily you, actually driving her car away and when he came past the house he waved at her, which really upset her."

He sentenced Alabaster-Samual, who had pleaded guilty to the offences, to two years in a young offender institution for the burglary, eight months for the theft of the Honda, eight months for the theft of the Nissan and another month for the damage to the Suzuki, all to be served concurrently.

No charges have been brought against other offenders.

Strictly Morris Dancing

MORRIS dancers from across the country will be descending in the Ely area on Saturday.

The Mark Hones Day of Molly Dance is being held – and it promises to be lively.

A total of 11 Molly dance sides from across the country will be performing at The Cutter Inn in Ely at 11am.

They will then move to The Anchor in Little Downham at 1pm and to The Plough Inn in Little Downham at 1.30pm.

The troupes will then perform at The Five Miles Inn in Upware at 3.30pm.

For more information about the event, visit *www.ousewashes.com.*

Breakfast time

ELY'S Farmers' Market will be celebrating National Farmhouse Breakfast Week on Saturday.

Traders will be encouraging shoppers to buy local produce to make their own farmhouse breakfast and shoppers will also be able to pick up a special 'Shake Up Your Wake Up!' recipe booklet for plenty of quick and easy breakfast ideas.

Van on fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out after a van caught fire in Soham.

The blaze happened in The Butts at around 3.30pm on Thursday, January 17.

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Deaths

KIPPING. Edward Albert of Littleport, peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday, 9th January, 2013, aged 90 years. Reunited with his wife Edith and son David, father of Stephen and daughter-in-law Linda and a grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at St George's Church, Littleport on Monday, 4th February, 2013, at 1.00pm, followed by interment in Littleport Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

SCOTT. Henry Richard (known as Dick) passed peacefully away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday, 5th January, 2013. Husband of Joy and dad of Paul and Andrew, grandad of Richard, Freya, Joseph, Hana, Rossella and Katie. Funeral service at Ely Methodist Church, on Wednesday, 30th January, 2013, at 11.00am. Family flowers only, but donations can be left at the church for Dementia UK. All enquiries to Abbey Funeral Service. Ely. Tel: 01353 880555.

SHARP. Jack of Wilburton, passed peacefully away at home on Saturday, 12th January, 2013, aged 89 years. Dearly loved husband of Joan, loving father of Tony, Edward and Brenda, father-in-law of Ann, Diane and Tom and devoted grandad and great-grandad. Funeral service at St Peters Church, Wilburton, on Tuesday, 29th January, 2013 at 11.00am, followed by interment in Wilburton Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, for HEART may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

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Otter death toll sparks safety plea

BY JORDAN DAY

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AN increasing number of otters are being killed on local roads – and council chiefs are being urged to help save them.

Conservationists say more and more of the animals are being hit by vehicles.

Although they say it is a sure sign that otter numbers are rising in the county, they say more needs to be done to alert motorists to their presence.

In the last two weeks, four otters have been found dead in the Fenland area – one in Queen Adelaide Way between Queen Adelaide and Station Road, Ely, and the others in Mepal, Chatteris and Guyhirn, near Wisbech.

Cliff Carson, a local conservationist involved in otter and waterway wildlife management, says Queen Adelaide Way is a particularly troublesome spot for otters as they cross the road from the settling ponds to the River Great Ouse.

He says special warning reflectors can be fitted on roads which reflect the lights of vehicles towards the water to prevent animals such as otters from crossing when traffic is approaching.

Road danger: four otters have been found dead in the last two weeks.

He is calling for Cambridgeshire County Council's highways department to invest in the reflectors in Queen Adelaide Way and other areas where otters are breeding.

Mr Carson, who found a dead otter on the route last week, said: "This is one of four otters found killed on Fenland's roads in the last two weeks.

"While the deaths are very sad, it may reflect an increase in the otter population in the area generally.

"But Queen Adelaide Way is a known blackspot for otters being killed and this time of year appears to be the worst for casualties.

"Warning reflectors that reflect the lights of vehicles towards the water to prevent animals from crossing when traffic is approaching in the dark have been found to be effective in the West Country.

"Having otters and a wealth of other wildlife present on their doorstep is greatly appreciated by residents and I imagine that they would consider a specific cost-effective measure like this to protect a well-loved species money well spent."

A spokesman for the county council said warning signs alerting motorists to wildlife crossing Queen Adelaide Way had been installed two years ago.

He said: "We are working with the Environment Agency, Wildlife Trust and other parties to consider what further measures could be taken."

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Blue is the colour: Linda McCormack, left, and Jade O'Kane. Picture: Duncan Lamont 887961

Challenge to get fitter and support charity

RESIDENTS and businesses are being given the chance to help support people with mental health illnesses.

Ely-based ladies-only gym, Energie Fitness for Women, is supporting Mind – a charity which supports people with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues – by holding a special challenge.

The '10,000 steps challenge' will see people competing over six weeks to walk, run, swim or cycle as much as they can in order to achieve 10,000 steps per day.

And Linda McCormack, owner of the gym, is calling for local residents, businesses and organisations to take part.

By registering for the challenge, participants will receive a USB digital pedometer which will record every step they make.

They can then upload the data from the USB stick onto their computer and monitor their activity against other participants.

As well as increasing their fitness, people will be able to fundraise for Mind through sponsorship.

Linda said: "The 10,000 steps challenge is not only a fun and competitive way to get fitter but you will also be supporting the amazing work that Mind does.

"Ten thousand steps each day over six weeks equates to 200 miles.

"This is perfect for people of all ages, and especially businesses and organisations who can get more than one person involved."

The challenge begins on Monday.

For more information, call (01353) 664207 or visit *http://www.mind.org.uk/get_involved/fundrasing_events/uk_challenges/7618_the_10_000_steps_challenge.*

Newcomers boost fire teams

SOHAM'S and Sutton's fire crews have had their ranks boosted, with each boasting a new retained firefighter.

Chris Smith, 18, has joined the team in Soham and 25-year-old Nick Northrop is now a crew member in Sutton.

The new recruits are now on-call in their spare time after completing their training and are attending emergencies in their local communities.

Chris, who lives in Soham and is a former Soham Village College pupil, is following in the footsteps of his father, uncle and grandfather by joining the fire service.

He said: "Ever since I was 10 it's been my dream. My dad and uncle are firefighters and every time they came back from a shout I wanted to know everything about what they had been doing."

Nick, who works in accounts at Cambridge University, was out running in his home village of Sutton when he saw a poster about joining the service.

Joining crews: Chris Smith and Nick Northrop. CP

He said: "It's something I've wanted to do for a long time and I saw it as a chance to get fitter and gain experience doing something which is totally different to my day job.

"You reap the benefits, moving forward your experience and knowledge and hopefully saving people's lives and helping them. That's the main aim for me."

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting for retained firefighters.

For more information, call (01480) 444500 or visit *www.cambsfire.gov.uk.*

Boathouse scheme to go on view at market

DISCOVER more about major plans to build a new university boathouse in Ely.

Last September, Cambridge University Boat Club, Cambridge University Women's Boat Club and Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club announced they were keen to build a boathouse on the River Great Ouse at Fore Mill Wash.

The site, which is more than 12 acres in size and much closer to the Adelaide Straight, has been purchased to develop the Ely training bases in what will be a landmark initiative to bring all three clubs together under one roof as they currently train out of separate boathouses.

The scheme has been called Project Ely and plans are currently being drawn up.

On Saturday, the clubs will be running a stall on Ely's Market Place to enable people to view the proposals and speak to those behind the plans.

A formal planning application is expected to be submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council soon.

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School celebrates Ofsted inspection

BY JORDAN DAY

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A PRIMARY school which was placed under special measures is now providing its pupils with a "good" quality of education.

Millfield Primary School in Littleport was criticised by Ofsted and placed under special measures in March 2011 after inspectors said it was failing to provide an acceptable standard of education.

Now inspectors have re-visited the school and removed it from special measures – saying the appointment of a new head teacher, Deborah Hannaford, was the most significant factor in its improvement.

They said teaching was "good" in three-quarters of lessons seen, together with some "outstanding" small-group teaching.

Inspectors said: "The new team of teachers and support staff work well together and inadequate teaching has been eliminated. They are having a positive effect on standards and pupil progress is improving.

"Lessons are well organised, based on reliable assessment information and well matched to the pupils' learning needs."

Pupils were highlighted for their good behaviour and attitudes to learning, and attendance at the school is now above average.

Inspectors said the head teacher, senior staff and governors had done well to improve behaviour and raise attendance.

"Leaders, including governors, are uncompromising and relentless in their drive to ensure that all pupils in the school receive the best education possible.

"The head teacher and her deputy consistently share their high expectations and this has been a key factor in the improvement in teaching," they said.

They also said support from Cambridgeshire County Council had provided effective help with staff recruitment and lesson planning.

The school was encouraged to improve pupil progress, further improve teaching and involve middle leaders in the monitoring and evaluation of teaching.

Head teacher Mrs Hannaford said: "We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of this inspection.

"Through the last academic year and this autumn term, a great deal of hard work was needed to move the school forward at the pace that was needed.

"We had until February 2013 to bring Millfield out of special measures so it was particularly rewarding that inspectors felt that the school was ready to be brought out a term earlier – this recognises the positive impact of everybody's hard work over the last year and a bit.

"I would like to thank staff and governors for their hard work and parents for their continued support."

New start for health company

Take a seat: Ely deputy mayor Elaine Griffin-Singh helps demonstrate the transfer chair with sales manager Alan Bartlet, left, and paralympian Arthur Cutter, right.

Picture: Richard Patterson 886270

ONE of the region's largest healthcare providers has moved to larger premises in Ely.

Bartrams Associates Ltd has moved onto the Lancaster Way Business Park on Witchford Road.

The move has provided the rapidly-expanding firm with much-needed extra space – 30,000ft of floor space to be precise.

A formal ceremony and open day was held at the new premises on Thursday, January 10 to celebrate the move.

Bartrams, which has been running for 22 years, specialises in the supply, maintenance and modification of everything from beds to wheelchairs to scooters in both the public and private sector.

It also runs a special home care service which provides elderly and vulnerable residents in the region with personal care in their own homes.

The new state-of-the-art facilities in Ely boast the firm's wide range of products, which includes mobility scooters, reclining chairs, stair lifts and specially-adapted beds.

For more information, visit the showroom, call (01353) 778756 or go to *www.bartrams.net.*

Parents' crossing bid ends in failure

WORRIED families calling for a pedestrian crossing on one of Ely's busiest roads have been told that not enough pedestrians use the route to warrant the cost of providing one.

Concerned residents have been calling for a zebra crossing to be fitted in Lynn Road for some time.

But still pedestrians, the majority of whom are parents walking their children to and from school and nursery, have no crossing to use.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, an angry father has launched a fresh call for a crossing on community website *ShapeYourPlace* insisting he and other families are "putting their life at risk" when crossing Lynn Road.

But Cambridgeshire County Council says that building a pedestrian crossing in Lynn Road cannot be treated as a priority.

A spokesman for the authority said: "Officers at the county council have been looking at this issue in response to direct contact from a member of the public.

"Given that crossing activity here really only concentrates at school opening and closing times, an assessment regarding the need for a school crossing patrol was carried out just before the end of the December term.

"The assessment concluded that the need for a crossing patrol fell well short of the criteria.

"There is not felt by the county council to be a case for a permanent crossing point at this location."

Sue Smith, who runs Sweet Peas Childcare in Ely, has also been calling for a pedestrian crossing in Lynn Road for some time.

She said: "This is such a busy road yet it is also so busy with pedestrians, especially mums and dads taking their little ones to school or nursery.

"We urgently need a zebra crossing so that vehicles are forced to stop to let people cross the road safely."

The county council says that a crossing could be installed if the City of Ely Council felt it was a priority and if funding could be found.

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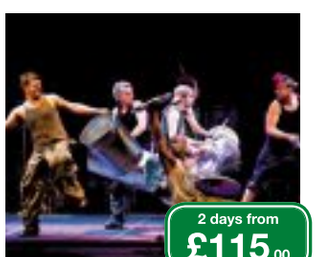

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Troubled waters: but most of the boaters have now moved out.

Marina owners given go-ahead

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

CONTENTIOUS plans to revamp a marina have been given the green light.

The Fish and Duck Marina in Holt Fen, Wicken, hit the headlines in October after all of the boaters who lived there permanently were told to leave.

James and Davina Harvey, owners of the site, gave the boaters – about 80 families – until January to vacate the marina in time for the refurbishment.

The boaters were furious, insisting they would struggle to find alternative moorings locally as most marinas were full.

Mr and Mrs Harvey's refurbishment plans have now been given the go-ahead by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Speaking to the *News*, Mrs Harvey said: "We're delighted with the council's decision.

"We know the boaters were upset when we told them they'd have to leave the marina and we do sympathise with them.

"The majority of them have all gone now and it actually hasn't been as stressful as we all thought it would be."

The refurbishment will see the marina's structure changed and upgraded. And boaters will no longer be allowed to moor there permanently.

The changes will also increase the site's gross internal area from 6,500 sq m to 7,500 sq m.

In their proposals, the couple said: "The marina structure is looking and feeling tired.

"Jetties built out of wood are starting to rot and become unstable. Some have had to be cordoned off.

"There are numerous health and safety risks that have to be managed.

"The marina structure now needs investment in order to enable it to continue.

"The proposed reconfiguration would allow for an extra 250m of mooring space that would be fully flexible for the business and much safer for customers.

"This would not only generate extra income but will enable greater control and management of the mooring space.

"The reconfiguration of the internal mooring area ensures that the marina uses its spaces to a greater efficiency, allowing for more boats to be moored in the local area."

In the longer term, Mr and Mrs Harvey also hope to add facilities such as a restaurant and overnight accommodation, as well as rebuilding a pub that was once there.

Special tour marks death of Cromwell

THE anniversary of Charles I's execution is being celebrated in Ely next week with a special tour of Oliver Cromwell House.

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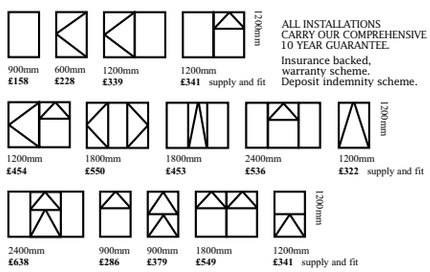

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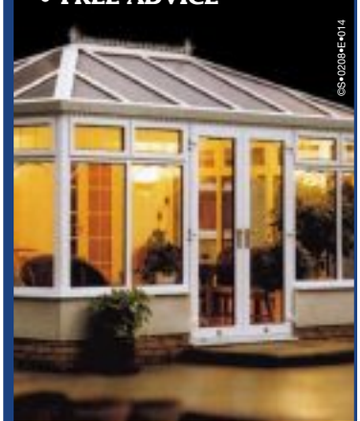

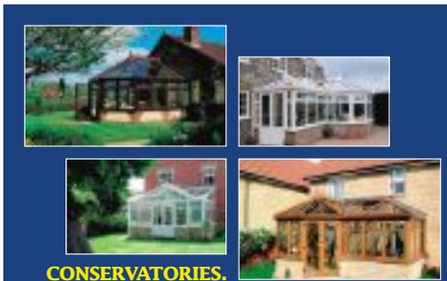

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'Swinging bar' should come back

BY JORDAN DAY

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REFITTING a 'swinging bar' at Ely's notorious railway bridge would reduce the amount of accidents there, residents claim.

Despite huge fluorescent warning signs and red flashing lights alerting motorists to the height restrictions, the bridge is regularly being hit by large vehicles such as lorries and vans.

The bridge has even been named as one of the UK's most crashed-into bridges in recent surveys.

Residents insist the bar, which once alerted drivers to the height-restricted bridge, needs to be brought back.

They argue that the number of collisions would be reduced as a result.

Little Downham resident Eddie Holden said: "We have been saying for years to bring back the swinging bar at the railway bridge. It can be provided at very little cost.

"All that is needed is two steel posts, one each side of the road at standard height for lorries to go under, a bar across the top, with chains hanging down, and a swinging bar at the bottom of them at the same height as the bridge's clearance. If the vehicle hits this first at a distance from the bridge it can stop and go over the crossing.

"Simple things prove to be the best methods. This would mean there would be no hold-ups and no damage. Traffic also keeps moving."

Rupert Johnston, of Hall Street, Soham, agrees.

He said: "The council's gone to all that expense of buying flashing red lights and large signage which is fair enough – but it is not working.

"There are still some drivers who are failing to realise just how low the bridge is and by the time their vehicle's crashed into it, it is too late.

"I'm told there was once a swinging bar at the bridge and I honestly believe this is the best way to stop these accidents from happening.

"Why was it removed in the first place? It'd be so simple and cheap to install, yet so effective."

A Cambridgeshire County Council spokesman said the current warning system in place at the bridge is "more comprehensive" than a swinging bar.

He said: "The current warning system was installed some years ago and had to be approved by the Department for Transport, which specifically ruled out a swinging bar with audible warning system at this location in favour of more comprehensive measures to alert drivers to the low bridge ahead.

"Since then Network Rail has added extra warning signs and chevrons on the bridge itself to reinforce the warning to drivers."

Notorious: the railway bridge on the A142 at Ely claims yet another victim.

Council figures show fall in county library users

THE number of people using their local library has radically dropped.

Figures revealed by Cambridgeshire County Council show that there were almost 90,000 fewer visitors to Cambridgeshire's libraries in 2011/12 than 2010/11.

The county's libraries welcomed 2,666,337 visitors between April 2011 and 2012, representing a decrease of 89,800 from 2,756,137 people who took advantage of the facilities during the same period the previous year.

The number of library visitors fell in Ely, March, Wisbech and Whittlesey.

However, Chatteris library bucked the general downward trend and saw its visitor numbers increase by 18 per cent.

The county council believes the decrease in visitors was caused by a reduction in library opening hours across the county.

Cambridgeshire's libraries will soon benefit from upgraded IT facilities and free WiFi, which the council hopes will attract more users.

Pub is hit by kitchen blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a pub after a blaze broke out in its kitchen.

Two crews from Ely were called to the Village Inn in Main Street, Witchford, just after 3pm last Thursday.

A fire had broken out in a fryer in the pub's kitchen.

A 24-year-old man was treated for smoke inhalation by the ambulance service and fire crews used hose reels and extinguishers to extinguish the flames.

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Cycle group in new attack over signs

BY JORDAN DAY

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CONFUSING signs which wrongly tell cyclists that they are allowed to travel along a riverside path have still not been altered.

Members of the Ely Cycling Campaign highlighted the fact that the 'no cycling' signs in the Riverside and Waterside area of Ely were incorrect in October.

The signs, which are supposed to prohibit cycling along the path, have an additional red bar through them, which is being taken literally by cyclists as meaning "no cycling".

But the signs have not been rectified and still cyclists are using the path when they shouldn't be.

A statement on the Ely Cycling Campaign's website said: "So, after the anti-social cycling furore last year the council said it would fix the incorrect signs along the river which, if taken literally, mean 'no cycling'.

"However, while walking along the river yesterday [January 13] I noticed the incorrect signs are still up.

"We think that it's ridiculous that cycling is not allowed. The riverside path could provide a really nice commuter route to the station, avoiding Broad Street and the junction on Back Hill."

Riverside route: one of the signs, which cyclists say is confusing. 887685

When the issues with the signs were brought to light last year, Cambridgeshire County Council said the signs were installed correctly but that the contradictory red bar had been added using red sticky tape by an unknown party.

The authority said that a member of highways staff would remove the tape – but that has still not been done.

It comes just a week after the *Weekly News* reported how residents were calling on police to get tougher on cyclists using the Riverside area of Ely.

Officers have been clamping down on rule-breaking bike users in the city since last autumn after concerns were raised by residents at a neighbourhood panel meeting.

But some residents say police need to do more to enforce the law with anti-social cyclists, who they say are putting pedestrians' safety at risk, particularly along the riverside path.

Cambridgeshire Police say patrols are taking place and that cyclists who are caught being anti-social are being given "words of advice".

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Blanket tests in bid for safer homes

THE cold snap failed to prevent elderly residents from taking advantage of a free service.

Volunteers from the Age UK charity were on hand to offer elderly Cambridgeshire residents free electric blanket tests.

People were able to take blankets along to their local fire station and get them tested for not only how effective they were in giving off heat but also how safe they were.

If the blankets failed the test, they were replaced for free.

Melanie Murdoch, from Age UK, said: "We're able to offer this service thanks to funding from the Department of Health.

"It's so important that people make sure their electric blankets are not only keeping them warm, but also that they are safe.

"More than 70 per cent of blankets fail tests, which highlights just how important it is to make sure yours is safe."

The checks were held at Papworth and Littleport fire stations last week.

Sessions were also held at Ramsey fire station on Monday and March fire station on Tuesday.

To book an appointment, call (01354) 696650.

New school's earlier start

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A NEW secondary school in Littleport could be opened earlier than predicted.

Education chiefs at Cambridgeshire County Council were hoping to have a new school up and running in the village in 2017/18.

But now the schedule has been brought forward with the aim of having the much-needed facility open by 2016.

The news has been welcomed by residents and community leaders in Littleport, who have been calling for the ever-growing village to have its own secondary school for some time.

The village could even get an extra primary school and a new 'community hub' if things go according to plan.

Parish and county councillor Fred Brown, who has backed the project for years, said: "This is really great news for Littleport.

"We've put so much work into this over the years and things are really starting to progress now.

"The county council was originally hoping to have the school up and running by 2017/18 but that has now been moved forward to 2016.

"Three years might seem like a long way off but it really isn't and it looks like young people in Littleport will soon be able to attend a school on their doorsteps, finally."

Discussions about the most suitable location for the school are ongoing and according to Cllr Brown, an area of agricultural land beside Littleport Leisure Centre, in Camel Road, is the most favoured site.

He said: "Discussions about the best site are ongoing but the land adjacent to the leisure centre certainly ticks all the boxes.

"In my view, it couldn't be a better location. Not only would all the facilities of the leisure centre be close by but it's also not too central to the village, which would help with traffic issues."

Residents have been calling for a secondary school in the village for years, insisting it would deal with East Cambridgeshire's increasing demand for school places and that there is space in the village for one.

It was early last year that the county council agreed that a new secondary school does need to be built in East Cambridgeshire, and that Littleport would be the preferred site.

A county council spokesman confirmed the new school was in it its capital programme for opening in 2016.

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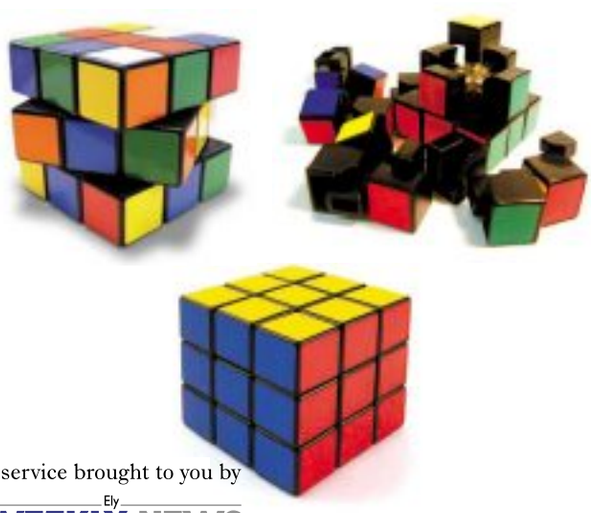

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Residents hit out at council over failure to replace lamp posts

TWO faulty street lights which were removed more than a year ago have still not been replaced.

The street light columns in Ely's Market Place were taken down by Cambridgeshire County Council after they both failed health and safety checks.

But irritated residents say that was done in the winter of 2011 and that they have still not been replaced.

There is currently just a small section of the columns poking out the ground with yellow plastic covers over them.

The county council says the street lights will be replaced "as soon as possible" but residents have branded the delay a "joke".

John Bladen, of Ely's King's Avenue, said: "I'm not sure whether I'm the only one who notices the random stumps in Ely's Market Place every time I'm in town?

"They're there – slap bang in the middle of the area for at least a year now and nothing has been done about them.

Stump: one of the street light columns in Market Place.

"It might sound petty but I've done some digging and found out from a local councillor that they are in fact parts of a street light column which were removed towards the end of 2011.

"Why on earth haven't they been replaced yet? It's a complete joke."

A local councillor, who did not want to be named, added: "The lamp posts were removed as the columns weren't strong enough.

"I must admit I do have a little chuckle to myself whenever I walk by as all you can see is about an eighth of the columns with a bright yellow piece of plastic over them."

A spokesman for the county council said the columns were removed for health and safety reasons.

He said: "All street lighting columns are periodically strength tested for health and safety reasons. These columns failed the test and were removed immediately.

"A replacement column of the same specialist design has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible."

Inspectors praise placement schemes

A SCHEME which provides supported living placements, respite care and outreach services for people with learning disabilities has been given top marks by Government inspectors.

The Adult Placement Scheme is run in the East Cambridgeshire and Fenland area by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The scheme underwent a routine inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and was found to be performing well in all areas.

CQC inspectors spoke to carers, staff and users of the scheme and said: "We found the scheme to be well-managed and organised.

"Good systems were in place for record keeping and quality monitoring.

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The scheme provides support for 38 carers who provide permanent placements, respite care and outreach support to 50 people with a range of learning difficulties.

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Ely

MEMBERS CALL: a book group in Ely has space for new members.
The Borrowers Book Group meets monthly and is a friendly group of people interested in reading and discussing books.
The group chooses a book each month and borrows sufficient copies of it from Ely Library so that people don't have to buy their own.
The group's next meeting is on Thursday, February 7 at 7pm.
For more information, call Pat Green on (01353) 661027.
HIDDEN STORY: Margaret Fletcher is guest speaker of the next Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely.
The talk, entitled 'Cromwell's Settlers, 17th-century Thorney: the hidden story of the Huguenots who settled on the drained Fenland', is being held at Ely Library tomorrow.
The weekly meetings run from 10.30am-noon and all are welcome.
MUSIC DATE: shake off the New Year blues with an evening of live acoustic music in Ely. Local musicians and bands including Just William, Phil The Bass, Kaz & Dave, and John Barry will be performing at the Babylon Gallery in Waterside tomorrow.
Organised by ADeC, the event starts at 7pm. Tickets are £4 in advance or £5 on the door.
For tickets, call (01353) 616991 or visit *www.adec.org.uk.*
FLOWER TALKS: Ely Cathedral's Flower Guild is holding its AGM on Tuesday. The meeting will be held at the cathedral centre, on Palace Green, at 11am.
QUESTION TIME: a quiz night is being organised to support the Ely District Scouts.
It is being held at the Ely Scout Hut in St Johns Road on Saturday.
Eyes down is at 7pm and entry is £2 per person. People are also invited to take their own refreshments.

Littleport

SERVICE DATE: a compline service is being held at St George's Church in Littleport tomorrow, starting at 9pm.
HELP FOR JOBLESS: a course designed to help unemployed people or those on low incomes boost their self-esteem is launching in Littleport.

Youngsters in art challenge

ARTISTIC youngsters in the Ely area have had their talents recognised in a competition.

More than 140 secondary and primary school pupils submitted entries in the ADeC Babylon Gallery Art Competition, My View.

Young people from Reception age to Year 13 were invited to get creative and take part in the competition, and on Friday, January 11 the entries were judged by a panel of arts professionals and ADeC staff.

The overall winner was Ursula Meyer-Root, an A-level student at King's Ely, although there were three winners of each of the competition's six categories.

The contest was sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Ely, Tindalls and other local businesses.

All the entries were on display at the Babylon Gallery in Waterside, Ely, until Sunday.

The gallery is open from noon-4pm Tuesday to Sunday, and entry is free.

Visit *www.adec.org.uk* for more information.

Talented bunch: competition winners plus Ursula Meyer-Root, the competition's overall winner, back row, second from right.

Picture: Mack Mathod

Cambridge-based charity Illuminate has been awarded funding from Cambridgeshire County Council and The Skills Funding Agency to run the Confidence for Change at e-space north in Littleport.
Illuminate delivers courses for the unemployed and those on low incomes to help rebuild self-confidence, raise self-esteem and identify strengths.
The course launches on Tuesday and will be held once a week until the end of February.
For more information, email *maria@illuminatecharity.org.uk* or visit *www.illuminatecharity.org.uk.*
PETALS MAKE POUNDS: Littleport Flower Arrangement Club has raised hundreds of pounds for the Littleport Village Hall Restoration Fund.
The club chose the project as its charity of the year for 2012 and throughout the year raised £250.
The money has now been handed to the village hall committee, which are raising money to help give the hall a much-needed facelift.

Little Downham

YOGA COURSES: pregnant women are being invited to a yoga workshop in Little Downham.
The workshop is being held at the Yoga Studio at Tower Farm on Sunday and will be led by a qualified pregnancy yoga instructor.
It is running from 10am-1pm and costs £20. For more information, call (01353) 698090.

Little Thetford

GOVERNMENT LETTER: Schools minister David Laws has written to the head teacher of Little Thetford Primary School to congratulate him on recent test results.
Robert Litten received the letter from the Department for Education after all pupils achieved Level 4 in English and maths – only one in every five of Cambridgeshire's primary schools do so.
In a recent Ofsted inspection, Little Thetford Primary was ranked as good, with many outstanding features.
SUNDAY SERVICE: a Holy Communion service is being held at St George's Church in Little Thetford on Sunday.
It starts at 9.30am and will be led by the Rev Margaret Harper.

Prickwillow

ROCK IT UP: rock music lovers are being invited to the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow on Saturday.
Rocking the Joint are hosting a rock 'n' roll night there.
For times and ticket information, call (01353) 688269.

Soham

AID HONOUR: a first-aider from Soham has been honoured for his work with St John Ambulance.
Tony Hinsley, who is also a councillor in the town, has been dedicated into the Order of St John alongside seven other volunteers from Cambridgeshire.
Mr Hinsley has around 20 years' experience with St John Ambulance and over the years has been a first-aider for the East of England Ambulance Service.
The Order of St John is one of the world's longest-established charities and traces its origins back 900 years to the first hospital of St John in Jerusalem in 1078.
COFFEE, ANYONE?: a coffee morning is being held in Soham tomorrow.
It is running at the hall at Berrycroft from 10am-noon.
WORD UP: Soham Scrabble Club's next meeting is being held on Thursday, January 24.
The club meets at Soham Library on alternate Thursdays from 2.30-4.30pm.
Admission is £1, which includes refreshments.

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She won't drink to charity bid

If only: Raven Harris, from Soham, is giving up alcohol for a month to raise money for Macmillan. CP

A SELF-confessed wine lover is giving up booze to help raise money for the charity which supported her late father.

Mum-of-two Raven Harris, 36, has decided to ditch all alcohol for four weeks in a sponsored effort to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Raven's father, Joseph Harris, from Newmarket, died around six years ago after battling bowel cancer, and was cared for by Macmillan in the time leading up to his death.

From this week to Monday, February 18, Raven, of Paddock Street, Soham, will be avoiding all booze to raise as much money as she can.

Raven, who lives with her children and partner Luke Griffiths, said: "I've wanted to do something for Macmillan ever since dad died.

"I used to have quite long hair and I was going to do a sponsored head shave but I never got round to doing that.

"Over Christmas I'd been thinking about dad a lot and how I wished he was still here with us and that's what made me decide to do a stint of no alcohol.

"I rarely drink through the week but do drink a fair amount at the weekend. Wine is my downfall and I will certainly miss it.

"I hope to raise between £500 and £1,000 for Macmillan through sponsorship."

Anyone who would like to sponsor Raven can call her on 07842 024163 for a sponsorship form.

Forms are also available at the Fountain Inn in Soham, where there are also collection boxes.

Top builder Tim lands award

Winner: Tim Drayton. CP

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE builder has scooped a prestigious award.

Tim Drayton, from Isleham-based building company TJD Building Contractors Ltd, has been named the Eastern region's 'Heavenly Builder' in the Master Builder of the Year awards.

The awards are run by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) and nominations are made by satisfied customers.

Tim won the award for his role in the major renovation of a former public house in Finchingfield, Essex.

Tim, who worked alongside a team on the project, was said to have a keen eye for detail, unfailing good humour and bucket-loads of enthusiasm for the job.

John Watson, FMB services director for the Eastern Counties, said: "The Heavenly Builder award gives clients the opportunity to thank their builder for going above and beyond the call of duty to complete the job and turn a potentially stressful experience into an enjoyable one.

"The standard of entries this year is amongst the highest we have seen and reflects the expertise, attention to detail and professionalism of the region's builders.

"Tim and all the staff at TJD Building Contractors Ltd should feel justly proud of his achievement in winning the Heavenly Builder in the Eastern Counties award, and we wish him every success in the national competition."

Tim will now go through to the national finals in March.

Jo hopes her website is just the job

A WEBSITE has been launched to help jobseekers get their foot on the career ladder.

Jo Evans, from Littleport, has launched the Neet Ideas website to provide straight-forward hints and tips to people searching for a job.

She has an extensive background in recruitment and marketing and hopes the site, which is free to use, will keep people updated with careers advice and job market news.

Jo is also looking for people to contribute their stories and insights into job hunting.

She said: "Guest blogging is a great way to publicly demonstrate your experience. Stories are welcome from jobseekers or from local business owners who would like to share their recruitment tips or experts such as life coaches or HR professionals who would like to share their knowledge and advice on topics such as confidence-building motivation and interviewing with job hunters.

"It's a tough jobs market out there, whether you are a school leaver, changing careers or facing life after redundancy. I set this site up in my spare time to help others, particularly under 24s, who may be struggling with finding employment at the moment."

For more information, visit *www.neetideas.co.uk*.

Neet Ideas can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.

Logging on: Jo Evans, from Littleport, who has launched the new Neet Ideas website.

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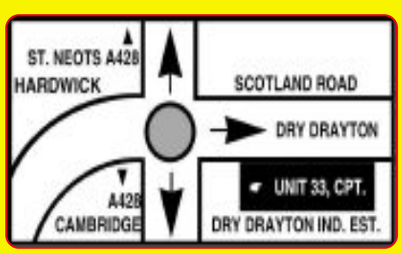

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Police sign up for scheme to beat fraudsters

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Police has signed up to a national scheme to help tackle fraud in the country.

As of Monday, the force is signing up to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre.

As well as saving up to 500 hours of police time a year, the scheme will mean reports of fraud are dealt with by specially-trained advisors and information is pooled in one location.

By capturing all fraud and internet crime intelligence in one place, police will be able to link seemingly unrelated crimes from around the country and identified organised criminal networks.

Under the new system, members of the public reporting fraud will be redirected to Action Fraud, who can be contacted by phone or online.

Officers will continue to take reports from vulnerable people or where a crime is in progress but this will then be fed through Action Fraud.

Every police force must change to use Action Fraud as its fraud and internet crime reporting service by April 1.

It was set up in 2009 and takes more than 7,000 crime reports every month.

Reports can be made by calling 0300 1232040, seven days a week during open hours, or online at at *www.actionfraud.police.uk*.

Pensioner evicted from home pleading for help

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A PENSIONER from Wicken who was evicted from her home after making her neighbours' lives a misery is now calling to be rehoused.

Violet Skinner, 79, has been living in a 6ft by 12ft caravan since she was ordered to leave her bungalow in The Lawn, Whittlesford, last April.

South Cambs District Council was granted an eviction order after a court heard neighbours had endured eight years of violence, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at the hands of Mrs Skinner.

The court heard she threw plates at her next-door neighbour's house and turned a hosepipe on residents.

But the retired horticulturist, who is now pitched on a campsite in Wicken, is asking East Cambs District Council for a second chance in the form of a permanent home in the district.

Caravan life: Violet Skinner, seen leaving court in 2009, wants to be rehoused. Picture: Warren Gunn 602575

Mrs Skinner, who lives with her three cats, said: "The way I've been treated by the authorities is despicable.

"Since April I've been living in my tiny caravan and have been moved from campsite to campsite across Cambridgeshire.

"I'm 80 years old this April – is this really how a British pensioner should be treated?

"My caravan is so small and cramped I can only turn around inside it in a circle.

"I need a proper roof over my head and have been asking East Cambridgeshire District Council for some time now, but they're doing nothing.

"How come everyone else, including illegal immigrants, gets a house, but I don't?"

The rows between Mrs Skinner and her neighbours in Whittlesford started shortly after her arrival in 2004, and ended up in court on several occasions, although Mrs Skinner consistently denied any wrongdoing.

A spokesman for East Cambs District Council said he could not comment specifically on Mrs Skinner's case.

He said: "While we do not comment on individual cases, we would always try to offer help and guidance to anyone who came to us for advice and then judge every application on its own merits."

Eye test booking should be priority

EAST Cambridgeshire residents are being urged to put booking an eye test at the top of their priority list.

Scrivens Opticians, which has a branch in Buttermarket, Ely, is urging residents to not forget about their eyes, and more importantly their health, following the busy new year period.

Daniel Abraham, manager at Scrivens Opticians in Ely, said: "Many people are not aware of problems with their eyes and assume their eyes are healthy, but this is not always the case.

"Some changes to our eyesight are so gradual that we may compensate without even noticing."

Visit *www.scrivensopticians.com* for more information.

Plans appeal lodged

A PLANNING appeal has been launched after proposals to expand a property in Ely were rejected.

Mr and Mrs T Dowling applied for planning permission to build a two-storey extension to the side and rear of 2, Redman Close.

But the plans were rejected by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Mr and Mrs Dowling have now lodged an appeal against the council's decision with the Secretary of State.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk* and search reference: 12/00807/FUL.

Crews called to van

A VAN caught fire in Soham because of an equipment fault.

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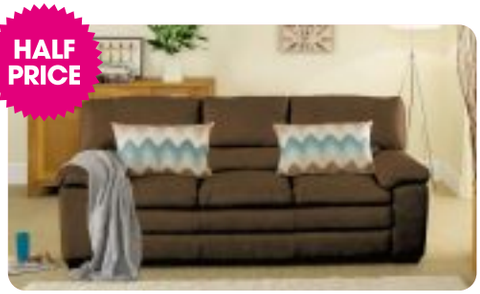

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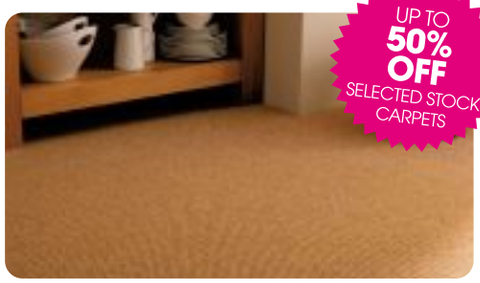

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Things that go bump in the night

THIS week, at one of the city's most ancient locations, Robert Lloyd Parry brings another seasonal shiver to Cambridge with his retelling of two of the greatest tales by M R James, the master of the English ghost story.

Parry, described as "always absorbing" and one who "catches the sense of dread that gives James his originality" by *The Times*, will perform the stories at the atmospheric 12th century Leper Chapel, off Newmarket Road – thought to be the oldest building in Cambridge.

In the classic spine-chiller *Count Magnus*, a travel writer's over-inquisitiveness leads to a breathless, diabolical chase from darkest Sweden to rural Essex. Denmark is the setting for *Number 13*, where a hotel room with the famously unlucky number conceals a ghastly and baffling secret.

Every Christmas, Montague Rhodes R James (1862-1936) would write and perform ghost stories, to entertain friends in his rooms in King's College, Cambridge. Over a century later, these tales still have the power to terrify and amuse, and this gripping one-man show gives theatregoers the opportunity to experience these chilling masterpieces in the manner in which they were originally enjoyed.

"M R James dedicated his stories to 'those who have at various times listened to them'," explains Lloyd Parry, "and I try to evoke the tone and atmosphere of his original performances."

■ **Count Magnus and Number 13, The Leper Chapel, Newmarket Road, until Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions) available from the ADC Theatre box office: (01223) 300085 / *www.adcticketing.com***

SPINE-TINGLING TALES: Robert Lloyd Parry
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Actors sought by top group

MALE actors are being given the chance to tread the boards in Soham.
The award-winning Viva Theatre Company is auditioning for its next show – John Godbar's *Bouncers*.
A spokeswoman for Viva said: "Set up north, *Bouncers* gives a cast of four male actors aged 25+ the chance to stretch to the very ends of their range.
"One moment you're prancing around with a handbag playing the part of a lady of the night, the next dancing manically. And do you think you can do a Swedish accent? You'll need to pull that out of the bag as well.
"*Bouncers* is quite simply a rollercoaster of a play starting with anticipation and excitement, moving through anger and regret and finishing with vomit – and lots of it. And it's very funny to boot."
Auditions are being held at The Brook in Soham on Thursday, January 31 from 7.30-9.30pm and Sunday, February 10 from 5pm-7pm.
Rehearsals begin mid-February and the show week is Monday, May 13 to Friday, May 17.
For more information, call (01353) 722228.

Cinema date for proud parents

WHEN last Thursday's performance of the National Theatre's production of *The Magistrate* was screened live at Ely Cinema at the Maltings, two members of the audience had a very special reason for making sure of their tickets.

Nigel and Anne Ovens's daughter Sarah is a leading member of the cast.

Twenty-six-year-old Sarah graduated in 2009 from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with a first class honours degree.

Her first professional role followed that autumn when she was cast as Marianne in Moliere's *The Miser* at the Royal Exchange in Manchester and then landed her first television role as one of the Martin sisters in the BBC's autumn serialisation of Jane Austin's *Emma.*

Sarah appeared at Stratford-upon-Avon in the Royal Shakespeare Company's 2012 production of *The Heresy of Love*, playing Angelica, before starting rehearsals for *The Magistrate,* an acclaimed revival of the mid-Victorian farce by Arthur Wing Pinero, which is playing to enthusiastic London audiences.

ON SCREEN: Sarah Ovens (Beatie) and Joshua McGuire (Cis) in a scene from *The Magistrate* which was broadcast live at Ely Cinema on Thursday.

When widow Agatha Farringdon tells her suitor, kindly magistrate Aeneas Posket, a white lie about her age, suddenly a whole family is embroiled in a night of misunderstandings and frantic escapes from the law.

Sarah plays Beatie Tomlinson, a young music teacher who steals the heart of Agatha's son, Cis. American actor, John Lithgow, Academy Award nominee and Tony Award winner plays Posket.

Nigel Ovens, head of information technology at King's Ely Junior where Sarah was a pupil, said he and his wife had already been to the Olivier Theatre on London's South Bank to see *The Magistrate*.

He said: "We were thrilled when we saw a performance of the play was going to be screened in Ely. It's a wonderful initiative by National Theatre Live, ADeC and Ely Cinema."

National Theatre Live offers audiences around the world the chance to see the best of British theatre broadcast live from the London stage.

Ely Cinema is one of 500 cinemas in 20 countries which have collaborated with the initiative.

At Ely Cinema on March 21, National Theatre Live offers Ely the chance to see *People*, an acclaimed new play by Alan Bennett starring Frances de la Tour, and on May 16 there will be a live screening of *This House*, a biting new play about the ruthless world of 1970s British politics.

Tickets cost £13/£12/£11 (U16s).

Online tickets for People are available on *www.adec.org.uk* or by calling 01353 616991.

In person tickets available from The Babylon Gallery and Burrows Bookshop.

....diary dates

AMERICAN country musician Tom Kennedy is coming to Soham.
The double-bass and electric bass player is performing at The Brook on Sunday.
Tom, pictured, is the son of a professional trumpet player and he began playing acoustic bass at the age of 9.
By his 18th birthday, he had performed with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Sonny Stitt, Bill Watrous and Freddie Hubbard.
The concert starts at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £12 or £24 to include a meal. For tickets or more information, call (01353) 721748.

■ REMEMBER, *Aladdin* the pantomime is being staged in Ely this week.
The city's award-winning Campaign Amateur Theatre is staging the much-loved family classic at The Maltings from tomorrow until Sunday.
Performances are being held at 7.30pm tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday.
Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for children and available from Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage, or call the shop on (01353) 669759.

■ REGINALD D Hunter has confirmed a second date at Cambridge Corn Exchange on November 10.
The comedian remains as outspoken and unpredictable as ever as he launches his latest tour, following on from two sell-out tours of the UK.
Tickets are £23 and on sale now from (01223) 357851 / *www.cornex.co.uk.*

Cinemas

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Lincoln (12A): Fri-Thu 12.50, 4.20, 7.45
The Last Stand (15):Fri-Sat 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.20; Sat 10.20am, 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.20; Sun 10.20am, 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50; Mon-Thu 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50
Movie 43 (15): Fri .45, 6, 8.25; Sat-Sun 11.05am, 3.45, 6, 8.25; Mon-Thu 3.45, 6, 8.25
Django Unchained (18): Fri-Thu 1.30, 5, 8.30
Monsters, INC. [3D] (U): Fri 4; Sat-Sun 11am, 1.15; Mon-Thu 4
The Sessions (15): Fri-Sat 10.35
Les Miserables (12A): Fri-Sat 11am, 12.30, 2.30, 4, 6, 7.30; Sun 11am, 12.30, 4, 6, 7.30; Mon 11am, 12.30, 2.30, 4, 7.30; Tues-Thu 11am, 12.30, 2.30, 4, 6, 7.30
Gangster Squad (15): Fri-Thu 9.25
Texas Chainsaw [3D] (18): Fri-Sat 11
Quartet (12A): Fri-Thu 1.20
The Impossible (12A): Fri-Thu 2.50, 9.10
Jack Reacher (12A): Fri-Sat 10.50
Parental Guidance (U): Sun 10.50am
Life Of Pi [3D] (PG): Fri 1, 6.15, 9.15; Sat-Sun 6.15, 9.15; Mon-Thu 1, 6.15, 9.15
Life Of Pi (PG): Sat-Sun 3.30
The Hobbit – An Unexpected Journey (12A): Fri-Sat 11.10am, 5.30; Sun 5.30; Mon-Thu 11.10am, 5.30
Tinkerbell And The Secret Of The Wings (U): Sat 10.30am; Sun 10.30am, 12.45
Rise Of The Guardians (PG): Sat-Sun 11.15am
Bollywood
Race 2 (TBC): (Subtitles): Sun 2.30; Mon 6.10
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Kids Am Madagascar 3(PG): Sat-Sun 10am
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Quartet (12a): Sun 12.30 (subtitles)
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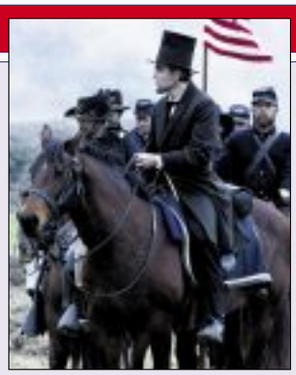
The big film

LINCOLN
certificate 12A, 2h30m

OSCAR-nominated Steven Spielberg tears a page from history to immortalise the efforts of the 16th president of the United States to abolish slavery during a turbulent period of deep division within the House of Representatives.
At a time when multi-culturalism is trotted out ad nauseum by politicians as modern society's badge of honour, Lincoln is a stark reminder of the sins of the past and how far we still have to go to create a world of true equality.
Tony Kushner's eloquent script condenses the final months of the president's life into an elegiac portrait of a husband and father whose courage in the eye of a political storm tested his resolve and his marriage.
A powerful prologue on blood-stained battlefields segues neatly to January 1865. Two months have passed since the re-election of Lincoln (Daniel Day-Lewis), the American Civil War rages on for a fourth year and the president's thoughts turn to the highly contentious slavery bill.



Secretary of State William H Seward (David Strathairn) counsels against the motion, given the current make-up of the House of Representatives. However, Lincoln is adamant that the Bill must be passed before the end of the war and he enlists William N Bilbo (James Spader) and Colonel Robert Latham (John Hawkes) to procure votes.
Inside the House, fervent abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens (Tommy Lee Jones) continues to rile the Democrat opposition led by Fernando Wood (Lee Pace).
Meanwhile, Lincoln contends with the mood swings of his emotionally fragile wife (Sally Field).
The ebb and flow of dialogue in Lincoln is exquisite and potentially dense yet baffling philosophies are distilled into digestible exposition so it's easy to follow the cut and thrust of arguments on both sides of the political divide.
The terrific ensemble cast is led magnificently by Day-Lewis. So often berated for grandstanding and chewing scenery, here the statuesque London-born actor is the model of restraint, internalising his statesman's maelstrom of emotions.
Lincoln is also a magnificent technical achievement, distinguished by Janusz Kaminski's colour-bleached cinematography and John Williams' haunting score.
Every shot is beautifully framed, capturing every facet of Rick Carter's production design and Joanna Johnston's costumes, which vividly evoke the era.
Admittedly, the running time is slightly long, testing concentration and resolve. Yet, as the film ends with the president heading to an ill-fated performance of *Our American Cousin*, Spielberg's film is worthy of a rousing vote of confidence.

THE GUIDE | PUZZLES

Sudoku

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■ Last week's solutions

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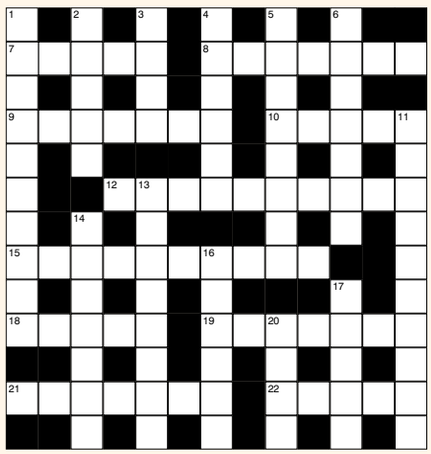

Cryptic clues

Across

7. Jump the strongroom (5)
8. Two creatures used for waterproofing (7)
9. Some consider a violinist to be a dish (7)
10. Great sorrow if Reg is upset (5)
12. Objective man in mail dispute (10)
15. Laughing uncontrollably isn't wrong but irritates (2,8)
18. Some revolving router used after tiling (5)
19. Common officer (7)
21. Greek drink used as a stainer, perhaps (7)
22. Wise man who picks winners (5)

Down

1. Being greedy is a way to get ahead (10)
2. Take us back to a street that is smooth (5)
3. Man whose return would go unnoticed (4)
4. Yearn for new praise (6)
5. Generosity from the Syrian capital? (8)
6. Courageous as a Latvian, perhaps (7)
11. Please go out after autumn and drop off (4,6)
13. Continue to claim it isn't in the sea (8)
14. Partners from different sectors (7)
16. Brandy can go back after the first champagne (6)
17. Eccentric way to start an old car (5)
20. Man returning as another man (4)

Quick clues

Across

7. Sheep-like (5)
8. Use (7)
9. Soothing (7)
10. Tapestry (5)
12. Hopeful (10)
15. Valet (10)
18. Loop (5)
19. Adorn (7)
21. Reveal (7)
22. Temptress (5)

Down

1. Artisan (10)
2. Slightly drunk (5)
3. Page (4)
4. Kernels (6)
5. Obsession (8)
6. Oscillate (7)
11. Used (10)
13. Keep (8)
14. Bill (7)
16. Whim (6)
17. Inlet (5)
20. Reed (4)

Cryptic clues Across: 1 Barometer; 8 Use; 9 Train driver; 11 Delayed; 12 Reign; 13 Soviet; 15 Leader; 17 Exams; 18 Succeed; 20 Illogically; 22 Ego; 23 Nostalgia. **Down:** 2 Air; 3 Money; 4 Tirade; 5 Reverse; 6 Hurried meal; 7 Seeing red; 10 Alleviation; 11 Dispenser; 14 Epsilon; 16 Usages; 19 Cocoa; 21 Lei.
Quick clues Across: 1 Blueprint; 8 Ale; 9 Strong point; 11 Refusal; 12 Issue; 13 Priest; 15 Untrue; 17 Theme; 18 Octuple; 20 Appeasement; 22 Lit; 23 Execrable. **Down:** 2 Let; 3 Pangs; 4 Impale; 5 Tuition; 6 Catastrophe; 7 Persevere; 10 Refrigerate; 11 Reputable; 14 Steeple; 16 Dotage; 19 Their; 21 Nil.

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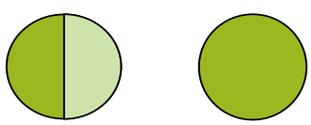

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Protecting the humble spud

by Hannah Stephenson

THREAT: home grown potatoes being harvested. Many of the old varieties are susceptible to blight, says Bob Sherman, of Garden Organic.

THE wet weather over the past couple of years has prompted reports of poor harvests, smaller and less tasty fruit and veg and claims that the nutrients the rain has washed away from the soil will affect the health value of our home-grown produce.

Among the crops worst hit in vegetable patches across the country is the humble spud, a staple of the British menu for centuries, whether boiled, mashed or chipped.

And while gardeners throughout the UK will be celebrating National Potato Day with events up until the end of the month, experts are now warning that gardeners must start to grow a mixture of varieties to stem the loss of crops to late blight.

Affected plants develop brown spots, especially around the edges of the leaves, the stems turn brown and potatoes develop scabby cankers that lead to brown patches inside the tubers which soon rot.

Bob Sherman, chief horticultural officer of charity Garden Organic, warns: "Rare types of potatoes are under threat. There isn't much that the amateur gardener can do to protect potatoes from blight.

"Late blight is a very rapidly evolving organism. It's not quite a fungus. It's quite closely related to seaweed, but it acts like a fungus. Spores flow about in the air, usually coming from old tubers left in the soil which haven't been harvested from the previous year because they've been missed.

"Most of the old varieties of potato are highly susceptible and even ones that were thought to be resistant have succumbed to new strains of the disease. We used to think that 'Cara' was blight resistant, but it isn't any more. A whole range of interesting textures and flavours from old varieties are under threat."

Incessant wet weather causes both disease and physical problems with potatoes, he continues. The tubers can't be lifted because the ground's too heavy and soggy.

"When potatoes get too much moisture, you might get one or two huge potatoes under the soil instead of a nice little clump of medium-sized tubers. The huge ones might be hollow inside or just not very tasty. Dry weather tends to enhance flavour, but wet weather reduces it."

Late potato blight has been the scourge of crops during excessive wet weather, he says.

However, some gardeners have turned to a resistant variety which is keeping blight at bay.

David Shaw, research director of the not-for-profit Sarvari Research Trust in North Wales, and his team developed a range of blight-resistant 'superspuds' known as Sarpos (pronounced Sharpo), first bred by the Hungarian Sarvari family.

Available in red, white and blue, from Thompson & Morgan and some garden centres, they are now being grown by gardeners who don't want the plight of blight.

"The disease evolves all the time, a bit like flu, so there's always a new strain. The Sarpo varieties David Shaw has been working with seem to be coping with all the changes that the disease is going through," says Sherman.

"Some of them will get signs of blight in the leaves, but not in the tubers."

He suggests growing a number of different varieties so that you're covered if the tubers, which are highly susceptible, succumb to blight.

"The other advice is to harvest earlier," he suggests. "You might sacrifice the weight of the potatoes, but the flavour will be good."

Alternatively, grow spuds in pots and bring them under cover later in the year. Blight usually strikes from July onwards, depending on the weather and which part of the country you live in.

Of course you can enrich your soil with plenty of organic matter, but if the weather's damp, it won't make any difference to blight, because the spores are carried in the air.

Covering the plants with tunnels or cloches may also not make a difference because potatoes need good air flow. If your tunnels are plastic, blight will thrive in the humidity. If you have a good-sized greenhouse, you may have more luck if you constantly remove the leaves showing signs of blight.

If the blight is widespread, take all the leaves off, which will mean a smaller crop, but at least you'll have a crop.

However, if you do remove leaves, don't lift any potatoes for at least two weeks afterwards, because the spores will still be on the surface of the soil, and if they come into contact with a tuber, they will affect it.

And if anyone has problems with slugs ruining their potatoes, Sarpo Mira and Sarpo Axona both have good slug resistance to go with blight resistance.

Try mixing crops, growing sweet potatoes or yacon, a perennial tuber from South America which looks like a potato and is not so susceptible to common pests and diseases.

■ Garden Organic's 20th National Potato Day is being held on Sunday at Ryton Gardens, near Coventry, in conjunction with Webbs Garden Centre. A full programme of activities and a list of all of the varieties on sale on the day will soon be available at *www.garden organic.org.uk*

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Proposed new Ely boathouse for Cambridge University rowing

CU rowing is soon to apply for detailed planning permission for a new boathouse on the Eastern edge of Ely.

As part of this the clubs have booked a stall at the Ely Market for the morning of 26th January to show what we plan and where.

Please come and see us!

Ewan Pearson,
Chairman, Project Ely Group for CU rowing

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 The Good Cook.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Rugby: Wales Grand Slam 2012. A look back at Wales's triumphant Six Nations campaign.
1.30 Live Athletics: UK International Match. Coverage of the indoor meeting at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow.
4.30 Final Score.
5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.30 Animal Antics.
6.00 Richard Hammond's Secret Service.
6.45 Britain's Brightest.
8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws and the Lotto Plus 5 results.
8.50 Casualty. Jordan is overcome with grief as the day of Yvonne's funeral dawns, so the last thing he needs is a message from the young offender institution asking him to visit Nylon, the teenager awaiting trial for her attack.
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 FILM: Meet the Parents (2000). Comedy, starring Robert De Niro; (C) National Lottery Update.
12.15 FILM: Buster (1988). Fact-based crime drama about Great Train Robber Buster Edwards.
1.45 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 FILM: The Black Rider (1954).
7.05 FILM: The Mouse That Roared (1959). Comedy, starring Peter Sellers.
8.25 Live Tennis: Australian Open. Coverage of the women's singles final at Melbourne Park.
11.30 Map Man.
12.00 Indian Food Made Easy.
12.30 EastEnders. Omnibus.
2.25 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships.
4.30 Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special. A family who raised three orphaned jaguar cubs.
5.30 Flog It!
6.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Famous faces enter the Great British Bake Off tent as part of Comic Relief, beginning with stand-ups Jo Brand and Stephen K Amos and comedy duo Watson and Oliver.
7.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Life's Too Short star Warwick Davis, Dragons' Den panellist Duncan Bannatyne, adventurer and broadcaster Simon Reeve and former Blue Peter presenter Andy Akinwolere enter the tent.
8.00 Dad's Army.
8.30 Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee. Part one of two.
9.30 Howard Goodall's Story of Music.
10.30 QI XL.
11.15 FILM: Hard Rain (1998). Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.
12.45 Bowls.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny.
6.10 Handy Manny.
6.25 The Hive.
6.35 The Hive.
6.40 Dino Dan.
6.55 Dino Dan.
7.05 Almost Naked Animals.
7.15 Almost Naked Animals.
7.30 Almost Naked Animals.
7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles.
8.05 Ultimate Spider-Man.
8.30 Victorious.
9.00 Jessie.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
11.20 ITV News and Weather.
11.25 All Star Family Fortunes.
12.10 Live FA Cup Football. Stoke City v Manchester City (Kick-off 12.45pm). Coverage of the first fourth-round fixture of the day, which takes place at the Britannia Stadium.
3.00 Dinner Date. Darren from London hopes to find love.
4.00 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song.
5.30 ITV News Anglia; Weather.
5.45 ITV News and Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed!
7.00 Splash! Omid Djalili, Jake Canuso, Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards, Charlotte Jackson and last weekend's best performers – Anthony Ogogo and Linda Barker – battle it out in the semi-final.
8.30 Take Me Out.
9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show.
10.45 ITV News and Weather.
11.00 FA Cup Football Highlights.
12.30 The Store. Home shopping.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs.
6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 Beach Volleyball.
8.00 The Morning Line.
9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.
9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.
10.00 Frasier.
10.30 Frasier.
11.00 Undercover Boss Australia.
12.00 The Big Bang Theory.
12.30 The Big Bang Theory.
12.55 The Simpsons.
1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster.
4.00 Come Dine with Me.The first of four dinner parties from Belfast. Also, 4.30, 5.05, and 5.40.
6.05 Channel 4 News
6.35 4thought.tv.
6.40 FILM: Mrs Doubtfire (1993). Comedy, with Robin Williams.
9.00 World Without End. Ralph undertakes a task of his own – to fund the ongoing war with France by any means necessary.
10.00 FILM: The Hurt Locker (2008). An American bomb disposal team in Iraq is assigned a new leader whose reckless attitude puts all their lives at risk. Kathryn Bigelow's drama, with Jeremy Renner.
12.40 FILM: Cyrus (2010). Premiere. A divorced man falls in love with a single mother, but finds her 21-year old son is determined to break them up.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 6.30 The Mr Men Show. 6.45 Olive the Ostrich. 6.50 Abby's Flying Fairy School. 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.20 Animal Antics. 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. 7.40 City of Friends. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Jelly Jamm. 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Celebrity Big Brother: Final.
1.10 FILM: Patricia Cornwell's At Risk (2010). Mystery, starring Andie MacDowell.
2.55 Everything She Ever Wanted. Drama based on Ann Rule's novel, with Gina Gershon.
6.15 5 News Weekend.
6.20 Impact. An asteroid strikes the Moon, knocking its orbit out of kilter and setting it on a collision course with Earth.
9.45 FILM: The Matrix (1999). A computer hacker discovers the world around him is nothing more than a virtual-reality fantasy. Sci-fi action thriller from the Wachowski brothers.
12.30 SuperCasino.

Robert De Niro
BBC1, Saturday, 10.30pm.

Jonathan Ross
ITV1, Saturday, 9.45pm.

Brian Cox
BBC2, Sunday, 9pm.

Tom Cruise
Channel 4, Sunday, 11.20pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Sunday Politics; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.25 Countryfile.
1.25 Call the Midwife.
2.25 Escape to the Country.
3.25 Chatsworth. The renovation jeopardises the home's wedding business. Last in the series.
4.25 Songs of Praise. Tenor Russell Watson presents from Salford.
5.00 Africa.
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Blandings. Freddie has married a Portuguese girl – now all he has to do is conceal the fact from Connie.
7.00 Countryfile. The team heads to south Wales.
8.00 Call the Midwife. The unexplained death of a newborn baby delivered by Cynthia puts the midwife under intense scrutiny from the police and the pregnant women of Poplar.
9.00 Ripper Street.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Prisoner Number A26188: Henia Bryer. A Jewish woman who bore witness to the birth of Israel recalls her experiences in WW2
11.05 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.10 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 Close.
7.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein.
7.30 A to Z of TV Gardening.
8.15 Live Tennis: Australian Open. Coverage of the men's singles final.
12.00 Coast. The Devon and Cornwall coastlines.
1.00 FILM: Cowboy (1958).
2.30 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships.
5.15 Ski Sunday.
6.00 Flog It! From Monmouth, southeast Wales.
6.30 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. The Earth's trip around the sun from January to the March equinox. (
7.30 Open All Hours. Pilot episode of Roy Clarke's comedy starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason.
8.00 Top Gear.
9.00 Wonders of Life. New series. Professor Brian Cox travels around the world to investigate whether the emergence of life was an inevitable consequence of the physical laws that govern the universe
10.00 Racing Legends: Colin McRae. Olympic cycling gold medallist Chris Hoy pays tribute.
11.00 Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop. Documentary looking back over the rock band's long career.
12.00 FILM: Intermission (2003). Comedy, starring Colin Farrell.

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7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles.
8.05 Rated A for Awesome.
8.15 Rated A for Awesome.
8.30 Big Time Rush.
9.00 The Aquabats Super Show.
9.25 House Guest in the Sun.
10.20 60 Minute Makeover.
11.20 May the Best House Win Vive la France.
12.20 ITV News and Weather.
12.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.
1.30 Rosemary & Thyme.
2.30 Murder, She Wrote.
3.25 ITV News Anglia; Weather.
3.30 Live FA Cup Football. Oldham Athletic v Liverpool (Kick-off 4.00pm).
6.05 ITV News and Weather.
6.15 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining stars compete in a school discothemed show. The results are at 8.30pm.
7.45 All Star Family Fortunes.
8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
9.00 Mr Selfridge.Prima ballerina Anna Pavlova agrees to pay Selfridges a visit.
10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather.
10.20 FA Cup Football Highlights.
11.20 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.
12.15 Grimefighters.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs.
6.35 The Hoobs.
7.05 Will & Grace.
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.
7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.
8.25 Frasier.
8.55 Frasier.
9.30 Sunday Brunch. (T)
12.00 The Big Bang Theory.
12.30 The Big Bang Theory.
1.00 The Simpsons.
1.30 The Simpsons. Part one of two.
2.00 FILM: Annie (1982).
4.25 Time Team. From Salisbury Plain.
5.30 Deal or No Deal.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinnerparty hosts compete to win £1,000 in Barnsley, South Yorkshire.
8.00 The Hotel. See Pick Of The Day.
9.00 FILM: The Fighter (2010). Premiere. Fact-based drama about boxer Micky Ward. He is initially trained by his brother, a former fighter who lost everything through drug addiction. With Mark Wahlberg, and Oscar-winning performances from Christian Bale and Melissa Leo.
11.20 FILM: The Firm (1993). After the murder of two of his colleagues, a law graduate discovers the company that has head-hunted him is controlled by the Mafia. Thriller, starring Tom Cruise.
2.05 Honeymoon.

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12.40 FILM: Teen Wolf (1985).
2.30 FILM: See Spot Run (2001).
4.20 FILM: The Princess Bride (1987).
6.10 5 News Weekend.
6.15 FILM: Spider-Man 3 (2007).
9.00 Person of Interest.
10.00 FILM: My Best Friend's Girl (2008). Premiere. A man hires his amoral bosom buddy to take his ex-girlfriend on a date-from-hell, but the plan backfires.
11.55 Botched Up Bodies. Part two of two. A woman with 10lb of excess skin.
12.55 SuperCasino.

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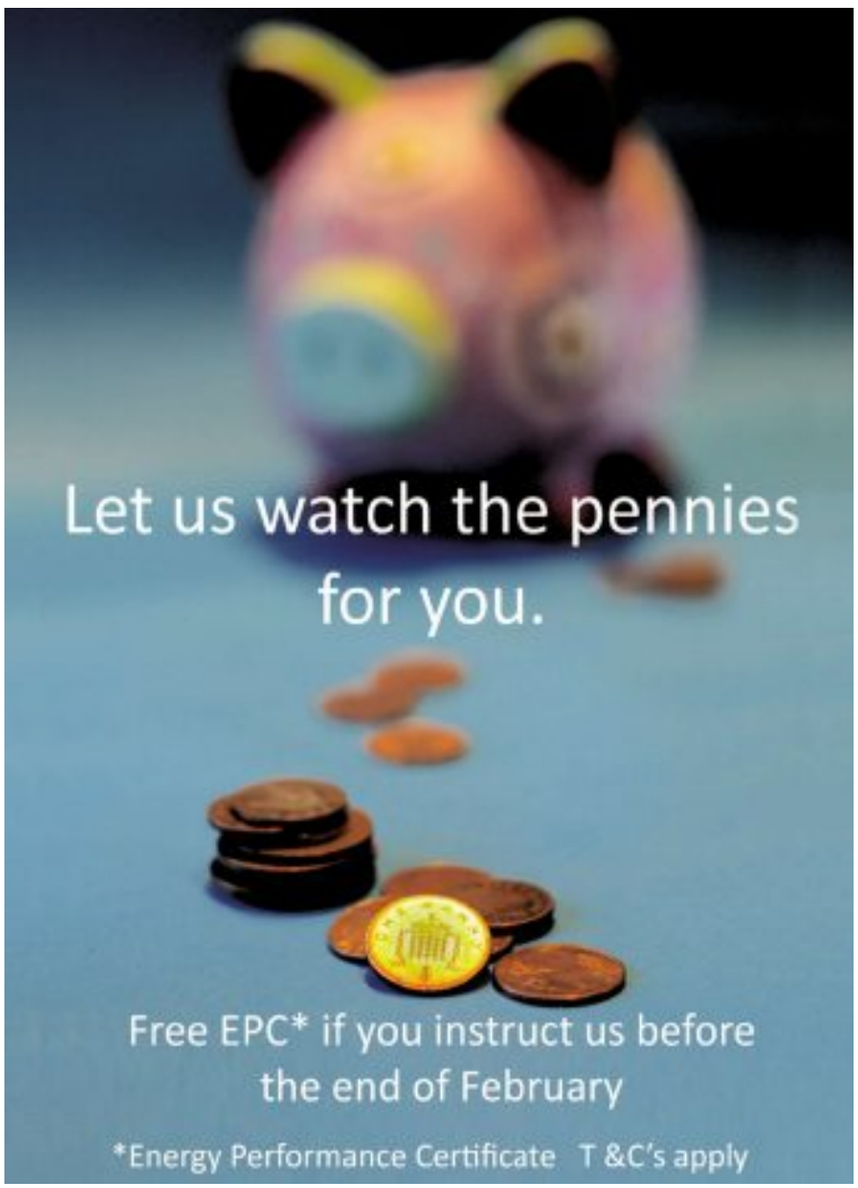

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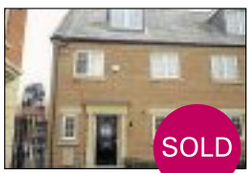

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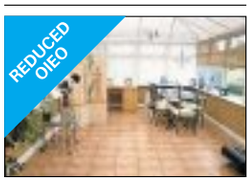

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Sutton £158,000

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Aldreth £170,000

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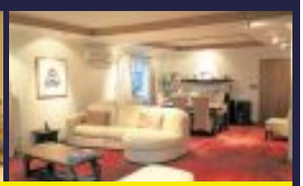

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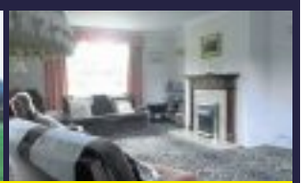

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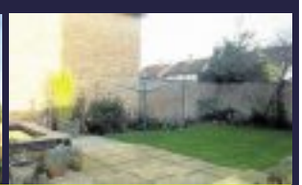

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- Front Garden
- Rear Gardens
- Double Garage
- Utility Room

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- Two Reception Rooms
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- Garden
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- Utility Room
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- Cloakroom
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- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- En-suite to Master
- Single Garage
- Kitchen
- utility room

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On the market for £350,000 in Isleham

at a glance

- On the market for £350,000
- Substantial detached property
- Five bedrooms
- Plenty of potential

Cover Property

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Currently used as a home and Post Office, the property has an entrance hall, cellar (currently used as storage rooms), living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, shop, master bedroom, a second bedroom with kitchenette, three further bedrooms, a bathroom and a further cloakroom.

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For a Family! OIEO: £168,000
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Great three bedroom property which boasts a lounge/diner, kitchen, garage, gardens and parking for three vehicles. Make this yours today!
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The Perfect Location!! £399,995
Ely Ref: EPC F
This spacious property boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, study, reception room, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom, garage & gardens.
This is a hot property!

To The Good Life!!
Soham

GP: £300,000 - £325,000
Ref: EPC D

A superb detached bungalow which boasts a lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms with en suite, front and rear gardens of 1/4 acre (STMS) and double garage! Make sure you view this today!

Check out the garden on this

Onwards and Upwards! £134,995
Sutton Ref: EPC C
This two bedroom apartment is more than alot. In a great location and with the internal appearcnce is extremely well presented this property could be yours for the taking.
What more could you ask for?

Quaint and Charming!
Sutton

GP: £235,000 - £245,000
Ref: EPC D

Quaint, charming, circa 1900, tastefully renovated... what a combination, waiting for it's new owner to step into this detached cottage which offers three bedrooms, attractive landscaped gardens and garage!

Call to view!!

Welcome Home! £139,950
Littleport Ref: EPC B
Tea for two, is this house for you? A delightful property that is waiting for it's new owner. Come along now, pick up the phone and make an appointment to view your new home!
If this is for you please call us!

Prime Location! £169,950
Ely Ref: EPC C
haart are pleased to offer this end terrace, three storey town house. The property includes three bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking.
Get in there quick!

Blissful Bungalow! GP: £315,000- £325,000
Haddenham Ref: EPC D
Stylish four bedroom property which offers a lounge, kitchen diner, shower room, double garage and gardens.

Start living in style!!

The Home of your Dreams! £152,500
Sutton Ref: EPC C
Step inside and be preparred to fall in love with this delightful two bedroom home which overlooks the green. This has so much potential!
What are you waiting for? Call the office

Victorian! GP: £179,950 - £189,950
Littleport Ref: EPC D
This Victorian three bedroom home is more than what meets the eye. The property boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, conservatory, gardens and parking.
You need to view this desirable property!

Step Into Character! £134,950
Wicken Ref: EPC E
Lovely two bedroom end terrace home which includes a kitchen, lounge/diner with open log burner fire and enclosed garden!
View this today!!

Calling First Time Buyers! OIEO: £100,000
Sutton Ref: EPC C
A first floor apartment which offers a lounge/diner, kitchen, one double bedroom, bathroom and parking. The property is open to offers!
Get high. View today!

Charming!
Ten Mile Bank

Guide Price: £199,995 - £214,995

A delightful former farmhouse has many original features. Boasting a lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens measuring 1/4 acre (STMS) double garage and parking.

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All You Need! GP: £129,995 - £134,995
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Semi detached cottage circa 1890 which boasting a lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, three bedrooms, fully enclosed rear gardens and workshop!
View what could be yours!!

Timeless Beauty £149,950
Soham Ref: EPC D
Imagine yourself living in this superb family home which gives you access to the village shops and schools and plenty of room for the children to run and play.
Call the office today and book a viewing!!

Enjoy Village Life!! OIEO: £149,000
Sutton Ref: EPC C
Step inside and see your new home today and enjoy the light and airiness of the property whilst feeling homely and welcoming. A delightful semi detached house located in the Village of Sutton. The property boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, two double bedrooms, bathroom, gas heating to radiators, double glazing & enclosed garden.

Great Location
Includes Garage
Freehold
Chain Free
Parking

Make a difference at this home! View Today

Home Loving! GP: £179,950 - £184,950
Littleport Ref: EPC C
Words cant describe how stylish this semi-detached property is. Offering four bedrooms and it is extremely delightful. Dial the office number now!
look again!

Three Floors! OIEO: £195,000
Soham Ref: EPC B
A three storey end terrace home located in the popular village of Soham offering four bedroom this home is what you have been looking for. Call us now!!
This is a must see!

Welcoming! OIEO: £160,000
Littleport Ref: EPC C
Ultimate mid terrace house which is offering three bedrooms, garage and enclosed rear garden. This is a great time to see this property. Make sure you arrange a viewing!
Open for viewings!

Dream No More!
Soham

£295,000
Ref: EPC D

Step inside this delightfully spacious detached home to rest, relax and enjoy the great family feeling from within! A deceptively spacious four bedroom detached house located in the Village of Soham which offers many local amenities.

Great opportunity to view this

TLC Required!! £240,000
Little Thetford Ref: EPC F
This delightful detached home which offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, three double bedrooms and garden. Enter your ideal home today!
Call us for more information!!

Stroll Into Town! GP: £179,995 - £189,995
Sutton Ref: EPC C
haart are pleased to offer this semi-detached home with three bedrooms and parking. What more could you ask for?

View what could be your next home

A Dream Home! OIEO: £200,000
Littleport Ref: EPC C
This fully refurbished three bedroom property is yours for the taking! You could be the admiral of the fleet of this stunning well presented, light home.
Arrange a viewing on this today!

Large Family Required! £370,000
Queen Adelaide Ref: EPC E
Well presented detached property which offers four bedrooms, two kitchens, office facilities and out buildings. This is your new dream home!
Dont miss out on this.

Desirable! OIEO: £300,000
Welney Ref: EPC E
A superb way of life in this desirable home, within a semi rural location which offers a lounge, diner, kitchen conservatory, four bedrooms, gardens and outbuildings!
View this stunning home!

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- Substantial detached house
- Non estate
- 5 double bedrooms
- 2 en-suites
- Lounge and dining room
- Superb fitted kitchen and utility
- Family room
- Triple garage and large garden

WICKEN — £750,000

- Substantial detached house
- Picturesque village location overlooking village pond
- Grounds of approx 2.3 acres
- 4 double bedrooms
- 2 en-suites and family bathroom
- 4 reception rooms

SUTTON — £365,000

NEW

- Newly Built
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- TV Room
- Study
- Split Level Family Home
- High Street Location
- Cloaks/WC
- Modern fitted Kitchen

SUTTON — £275,000

NEW

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Separate Utility
- Spacious reception Hall
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Beautifully Presented
- Transformed and improved
- Garage and extensive parking

LITTLEPORT — £130,000

- Established semi bungalow
- Open views to rear
- Fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- UPVc double glazing
- Attached garage
- Early possession available

STRETHAM — £209,000

NEW PRICE

- Detached property
- Popular village location
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory and study
- Open views over farmland
- No onward chain

ELY — £239,950

- Stylish terraced townhouse
- Convenient for station with open views to front
- First floor lounge
- 3 second floor bedrooms
- Groundfloor family room
- En-suite to master
- Garage in block

LT DOWNHAM — £139,950

- Older style semi cottage
- Popular village location
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking

LT DOWNHAM — £214,950

- Modern link detached house
- Non estate locatio
- Fitted kitchen.diner and utility
- 3 bedrooms
- Family bathroom and cloakroom
- Private rear garden
- Garage and garden

ELY — £299,950

NEW

- Modern End Terrace
- 4 Bedrooms
- En Suite
- Enclosed Low Maintance Rear Garden
- Walking distance from the city centre
- 1st Floor Lounge
- Single Garage in Nearby Block

SUTTON — £355,000

NEW

- Newly Built
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- TV room open plan to lounge
- Views over farmland
- Split level family home
- Individual
- Non-estate location
- Modern fitted kitchen

WITCHFORD — £246,950

NEW

- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- En suite shower to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Cloaks/WC
- Gas-fired Heating

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NEW

Ely **£399,950**

An individual and substantial detached home close to the City Centre. Entrance hall, lounge, study, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 4 double bedrooms (master with dressing room and ensuite), bathroom, large garage, driveway and gardens. Gas under floor heating, audio network system. No upward chain. EPR C.

NEW

Ely **£560,000**

A substantial detached home with annexe close to City Centre, Golf Course & Kings School. Hall, lounge/dining room, conservatory, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, store, 4 bedrooms ((2 refitted ensuites), bathroom, annexe with hall, bedroom/lounge, potential kitchen, shower room. Mature gardens, extensive drive, double garage, car port. EPR C.

NEW

Ely **£200,000**

An older style detatched home situated close to the Paradise sports field and within walking distance of Ely city centre and it's various amenities. The property is offered for sale with no upward chain and comprises entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen / breakfast room, ground floor shower room, cellar and 3 bedrooms. EPR TBC.

NEW

Littleport **£129,950**

A superbly presented semi-detached home with entrance hall, modern refitted kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, 2 bedrooms, modern bathroom, driveway, garage and slightly larger than average rear garden. The property is ideal for a first time purchaser and has the benefit of gas central heating & replacement UPVC double glazing. EPR D.

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Upware **£650,000**

A highly individual residence in approx 16 acre (sts) between Ely & Cambridge adjoining the River Cam with potential mooring rights. Paddocks, woodland & a large modern agricultural building. House & adj annexe offer 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, 2 kitchens, 2 living & dining rooms, study, utility, garage block. Attractive rural setting. EPR E.

Little Downham **Guide Price £350,000**

Sympathetically converted former Baptist Chapel dating back to 1788. Kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining, small study, utility, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), attic with bed 4/games room, bathroom, garden, driveway, garage. EPR D.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£595,000**

Built in 1923, this prestigious 5-bedroom character property set in approximately half an acre, provides luxury accommodation and being just a few minutes walk from Ely s City Centre. Viewing essential. EPR G.

Ely **£284,950**

A superbly restored period house in a prime City location close to the centre of Ely, Waterside area & originally believed to date back to Medieval times. Hall, 2 ground floor bedrooms, shower room, first floor lounge, kitchen with balcony, shower room, second floor mezzanine & bedroom/study area, enclosed rear garden, garage & parking. EPR E.

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NEW

Southery **£105,000**

A well presented modern terraced home situated in the village of Southery with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed garden and parking. EPR TBC

Soham **£184,950**

A modern 3 storey townhouse offering versatile accommodation over 3 floors. Hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, parking & gardens. EPR C.

NEW PRICE

Littleport **Offers Over £100,000**

A modern terraced bungalow with no upward chain. Entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, shower room, paved rear garden and parking. EPR E.

Little Downham **£199,950**

A well presented detached family home on a corner plot within a popular development with hall, lounge opening into dining room, modern spacious kitchen, 4 bedrooms, modern bathroom, driveway, garage & gardens. EPR D.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£219,950**

A well located established detached bungalow on the highly regarded Beeches Development. Hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, single garage, driveway & gardens. EPR D.

Sutton **£149,950**

A superbly presented, deceptively spacious semi detached home in the heart of the village. Hall, lounge, refitted kitchen/dining room, gf bathroom, 2 bedrooms, 2 courtyard areas, parking, garage. EPR D.

Pymoor **£209,950**

An immaculately presented, spacious bungalow. Hall, spacious lounge, conservatory, modern kitchen/ dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, immaculately maintained gardens. EPR D.

Littleport **£100,000**

Pair of semi detached cottages in a rural location requiring extensive renovation or redevelopment with outline planning permission for the demolition of the cottages & construction of 2 detached houses.

Soham **Offers Over £185,000**

A detached property situated within easy reach of the town centre and village college. Comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, yard area, garden, outbuildings. EPR F

Littleport **£126,500**

A well presented end terrace bungalow situated in a cul de sac close to the village centre. Hall, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, two bedrooms, shower room, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. EPR D.

Ely **£215,000**

Spacious semi detached property. Hall, cloakroom, study, spacious lounge, conservatory/dining room, superb refitted kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, gardens. Popular location. EPR D.

Soham **£144,950**

A deceptively spacious Victorian end terraced home convenient for access to popular schools. Split level lounge/dining room, modern kitchen, gf bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, mature rear garden. EPR D

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Haddenham **£249,950**

A deceptively spacious detached property with attractive views of surrounding countryside. Porch, hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & well maintained gardens. EPR E.

Soham **£179,950**

A well presented modern family home situated on the edge of a new development. Includes cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, garden, parking & garage. EPR TBC.

Soham **£275,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious detached home in a superb location with countryside views. Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, W.C., 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, driveway, garage. No upward chain. EPR D.

Ely **£275,000**

A charming, spacious 3 bedroom Grade II Listed central City residence believed to date back to the early 1400's with superb inglenook fireplace & beams, small courtyard style area to rear. No chain. EPR E.

Haddenham **£325,000**

A highly individual 4 bedroom (1 ensuite) detached home in an established non estate location with superb views across the surrounding countryside with garage, parking and gardens. EPR D.

Littleport **£279,950**

A deceptively spacious, immaculately maintained detached bungalow. Hall, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 2 receptions, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage, extensive drive & gardens. EPR TBC

Soham **£225,000**

An established detached family home in a small close with entrance hallway, kitchen, dining room, utility, cloakroom/shower room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, single garage, parking & gardens. EPR D.

Ely **£450,000**

A rarely available 3 bedroom (1 ensuite) semi detached Edwardian residence in one of Ely's prime positions with stunning views of the Cathedral to rear. 2 receptions, attic room & gardens. No upward chain. EPR F

Chettisham **£339,950**

A substantial 3 double bedroom detached bungalow in superb gardens approaching 1/2 an acre (sts) close to Ely with large garage, adjoining workshop, extensive in-out driveway & gardens. EPR E.

Haddenham **£425,000**

A centrall located detached Grade II Listed 4 bedroom family home offering substantial family accommodation with outbuildings with potential, garage, parking, gardens and outdoor heated pool. EPR F.

Wilburton **£595,000**

This 4 bedroom former Ferrymans cottage, which is believed to date back to the 1600's is situated in an idyllic location overlooking the Old West River with approx. 6 acres. Joint Sole Selling Agents with Carter Jonas. EPR E.

Little Downham **£245,000**

A well presented detached home over 3 floors ocmprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, lounge/dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, enclosed garden and 2 parking spaces. EPR C.

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MAIN8

MAIN STREET, WENTWORTH
£1,250 pcm
Fully furnished, detached four bedroom house with 2 reception rooms, an enclosed rear garden and a single garage.

TEAS3

TEASEL DRIVE, ELY
£1,250 pcm
A modern detached 4 bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and garage. EPC rating D.

STO20

STOUR GREEN, ELY
£1,250 pcm
Modern detached four bedroom house overlooking the green with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and driveway. EPC rating C.

COL87

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
£725 pcm
Modern three bedroom terraced house, which has been recently redcorated and carpeted throughout. EPC rating C.

BRI26

BRIARS END, WITCHFORD
£700 pcm
Modern three bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and driveway.

TE105

TENNYSON PLACE, ELY
£700 pcm
Modern mid terraced three bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, garden and two parking spaces. EPC rating C.

KIR18

KIRBY CROSS AVENUE, LITTLEPORT
£695 pcm
Semi detached 3 bedroom house with gas heating, garden, garage and driveway. EPC rating D.

NEW

ELY67

ELY ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm
Semi detached three bedroom bungalow with cellar, gas central heating, garden to rear, garage and driveway. EPC rating F.

PEA18

PEACOCK WAY, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm
Modern three bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and driveway. EPC rating C.

COL48

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
£625 pcm
Modern two bedroom terraced house in a cul-de-sac location with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and driveway. EPC rating C.

KIN53

KINGSMEAD COURT, LITTLEPORT
£595 pcm
Recently refurbished two bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway. EPC rating D.

KI149

KINGS AVENUE, ELY
£595 pcm
Modern two bedroom second floor flat with kitchen appliances, electric heating and allocated parking. EPC rating D.

CLA35

CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£545 pcm
Terraced two bedroom cottage close to Soham town centre with gas central heating and a garden and off road parking to the rear.

CHU16

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LITTLE DOWNHAM — O/A £125,000

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A 3 bedroom detached period cottage in need of renovation/redevelopment surrounded by mature trees and open countryside on a total plot of 1/8 acre. Entrance Porch, Hall, Kitchen, Sitting Room, Dining Room/Bedroom 4 with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom.

LITTLEPORT — O/A £164,950

A modern 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow with a rear garden and single garage situated in a convenient cul de sac setting close to a wide range of local facilities. EPC - 59(D)

HADDENHAM — O/A £100,000

NEW

An opportunity to purchase a potential building plot/renovation project with an existing bungalow on a plot of around 1/5 of an acre with far reaching countryside views.

ELY — O/A £220,000

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A particularly well appointed 3 bedroom detached property which forms part of this highly popular development. EPC - 68(D)

LITTLEPORT — O/A £170,000

An opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow on a large plot with gardens extending to all sides with scope for improvement or redevelopment. EPC - 41(E)

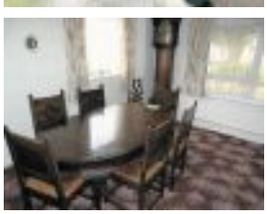
SOHAM — OA £125,000

NEW

A charming 2 bedroom semi detached period cottage set on a large plot with potential for extension or redevelopment in an appealing cul de sac position. 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Bathroom, Large Plot providing potential to extend or redevelop (subject to planning), Outbuildings, Greenhouse, Prefabricated Workshop/Garage, Driveway Parking for several vehicles. No Upward Chain. EPC - 29(F)

ELY — O/A £349,950

A rare opportunity to purchase a superbly located 3 story riverside townhouse overlooking the Great Ouse and Ely Marina yet within walking distance of the mainline railway station and city centre. Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Mezzanine Landing ideal for Small Study or Storage Area, Courtyard Rear Garden, Garage, Oil Fired Central Heating. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC - 59(D)



WITCHFORD — O/A £215,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a semi detached house with adjoining one bedroom annexe and heated outdoor swimming pool which lies in an appealing cul de sac situation close to local schools and other amenities within this sought after village location. Ent. Hall, W/C, Sit Rm, Kit/Dining Rm, Utility Rm, 3 Bedrooms, Loft Rm, Sperate Annexe, D/G, GCH, Garage, Driveway Parking, Rear Garden, Heated Outdoor Swimming Pool. EPC - 74(C)

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WITCHFORD — O/A £325,000

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A spacious modern five bedroom detached house situated in a small select cul de sac convenient for the villages amenities. Ent Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room, Utility Room, Family/Dining Room, Conservatory, Study, Lounge, 5 Bedrooms with En Suite Shower to Master, Bathroom, D/G, Oil C/H, Double Garage & Parking, Rear Garden. EPC - 50(E)

SUTTON — O/A £126,000

A well appointed, modern, mid terraced two bedroom property forming part of an attractive courtyard style development within this sought after village location. EPC - 75(C)

LITTLEPORT — O/A £199,950

A deceptively spacious three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet non estate location within this sought after village. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC - 61(D)

SUTTON — O/A £215,000

A well presented modern four bedroom detached house located on a corner plot in this popular well served Village location. EPC - 52(E)

ELY — O/A £210,000

A well appointed detached 2 double bedroom bungalow which lies in an appealing end of cul de sac situation less than a mile from the City Centre. EPC - 57(D)

LITTLEPORT — £595 pcm

An extremely spacious double fronted house, which offers four double bedrooms and three seperate reception rooms. Will Accept Sharers. EPC - 33(F) **Available Beg Feb - Unfurnished**

ELY — £695 pcm

LET Similar Required

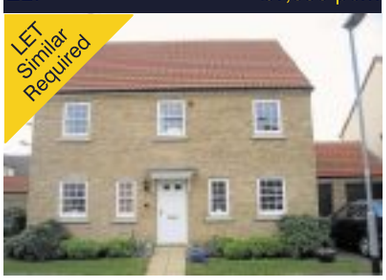
A well presented modern semi detached 2 bedroom property on a sought after residential development approx one mile from the centre of Ely. Ent Hall, W/C, Kitchen, Liv Room, 2 Beds, GCH, D/G, Garage & Parking Space. EPC - 76(C)

ELY — £900 pcm

A three bedroom detached bungalow situated towards the end of an appealing cul-de-sac approximately ½ mile from the City Centre. EPC - 59(D) **Available Immediately - Unfurnished**

ELY — £1,050 pcm

LET Similar Required



A double fronted four bedroom detached residence in a popular development on the edge of the city. EPC - 73(C)

ELY — £550 pcm

LET Similar Required

A one bedroom end of terrace house with views to the Cathedral and located within minutes of the High Street and River. Ent Hall, Bedroom, Bathroom, Living Room/Kitchen, GCH, D/G, Car Parking Space. EPC - 69(C)

WILBURTON — £675 pcm

A purpose built first floor apartment which offers well planned living accommodation in a sought after village location. EPC - 78(C) **Available Immediately - Unfurnised**

ELY — £575 pcm

LET Similar Required

A newly built two bedroom house which is offered with gas central heating, fitted kitchen appliances and an allocated parking space, located approximately 1.5 miles from Ely City Centre. EPC - 84(B)

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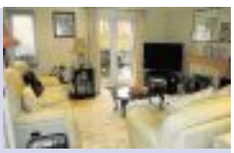

SOHAM

A well presented four bedroom end terrace family home on the outskirts of the town.

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NEW

SOHAM

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£600 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A spacious family home set in a private cul de sac in this popular village.

The property comprises the following accommodation: kitchen, utility, good size lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, study and WC. Five bedrooms, en suite to master bedroom, family bathroom and family shower room. Gas central heating. Double garage. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

£1,250 PCM

ELY

A spacious terrace house to the west of the City Centre, providing easy access to the A10.

Lounge, kitchen and entrance hall. Two bedrooms, bathroom and WC. GCH. Rear garden, driveway. Energy Rating D.

£670 PCM

FORDHAM — £675 PCM

This two bedroom property is situated in the village of Fordham, which provides easy access to Cambridge, Newmarket and Mildenhall.

The accommodation comprises: ground floor kitchen, bathroom, separate WC and lounge. Two first floor bedrooms. Outside there is a front garden area, rear garden with paved patio area. Driveway parking and garage. Gas central heating, Unfurnished. Energy Rating C.

LITTLEPORT — £1,000 PCM

A four bedroom end terrace house on a popular development in Littleport, offering spacious living accommodation.

the accommodation comprises: lounge, dining room, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom. En suite to master bedroom and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Rear garden with patio, Off road parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating B.

ELY — £795 PCM

A three bedroom semi detached house in a quiet cul de sac just west of the City Centre.

The property provides: lounge/diner, kitchen and WC to the ground floor. Two double bedrooms, one with en suite, one single and bathroom to first floor. Gas central heating. Small front garden and rear garden. Garage and driveway. Energy Rating B.

ELY — £515 PCM

a good sized one bedroom mid terrace house located off Kings Avenue providing easy access to the A10.

Lounge with access to rear garden, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Double glazed. Electric storage heating. small enclosed rear garden. One allocated parking space. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

ELY

A modern one bedroom furnished second floor flat located within Ely City Centre.

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£500 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A four bedroom property that offers spacious living accommodation and providing easy access to the A10 and train station.

The accommodation comprises: dining room leading through to lounge, kitchen/breakfast room. and WC. On the first floor is four bedrooms and bathroom. GCH. Garden, garage and parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating B.

£850 PCM

ELY

A two bedroom end of terrace cottage situated within walking distance to the City Centre and providing easy access to the A10.

Lounge with log burner, two bedrooms and bathroom. Rear garden and outhouse. One off street parking space. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

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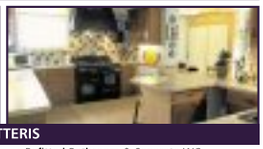

CHATTERIS

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- No Upward Chain
- Energy Efficiency Rating 'E'

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CHATTERIS

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- Off Road Parking - EPC Rating 'F'
- Three Reception Rooms
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

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CHATTERIS

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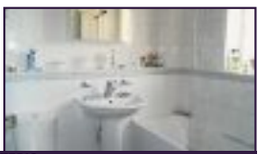

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain
- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Field Views - EPC Rating 'E'
- Gas Fired Central Heating

£104,995

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen - EPC Rating 'E'
- Extended Accommodation
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Energy Efficiency Rating 'D'
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Conservatory

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MEPAL

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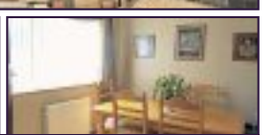

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- Extensive Rear Garden
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CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'D'
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Extensive Rear Garden

£128,500

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Spacious & Versatile Accommodation
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- Good Size Rear Garden

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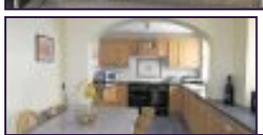

CHATTERIS

- Four / Five Bedrooms with En-Suite to Master
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner & Utility
- Spacious Accommodation
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First: The development of Renault's new urban crossover is a first for the French marque.

Renault aims to Captur the spirit of the age...

RENAULT'S new Captur, its first urban crossover, aims to stand out from the crowd by delivering the best of three different worlds:

- The expressive styling and driving position of an SUV
- The cabin space and modular interior of an MPV
- The agility and driving enjoyment of a compact hatchback.

Coming in the wake of Clio's renewal, Captur marks the next step in Renault's design offensive under the leadership of Laurens Van den Acker.

"Renault Captur is a compact, unaggressive cross-over which is particularly user-friendly," says Renault director Benoît Bochard. "It benefits from Renault genes through and through…"

The lines of Renault's new crossover are unpretentious, yet the forward position of its steeply-raked windscreen emphasises its dynamic stance.

And another thing: Renault's new Clio is now on sale at Wests.

The combination of its compact dimensions, raised ground clearance, wide wheels and sill guards will enable it to take every aspect of everyday motoring in its stride.

Renault Captur will be easy to customise and notably comes with an original two-tone colour scheme which produces an attractive contrast between the roof and pillars and the rest of the bodywork.

The standard Renault Captur will have an equipment specification worthy of that of the next segment up, including hands-free entry, hill start assist and rear parking sensors.

Also available will be the new, connected, in-dash Renault R-Link touchscreen multimedia tablet, plus a system that comprises six loudspeakers, Bluetooth connectivity, audio-streaming and Arkamys hi-fi sound.

Renault Captur is based on the same platform as New Clio, acclaimed as a B-segment benchmark when it comes to driving pleasure. It consequently delivers best-level dynamics, from roadholding to engine response and agile handling.

The petrol and diesel engines available for the model benefit from the very latest Renault technologies and will return best-in-class fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, starting from as low as 96g/km.

The Captur will be debuted in Europe at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

Congratulations: The scene at Bentley Cambridge last week.

Bentley Cambridge is happy with its first year in business

BENTLEY CAMBRIDGE celebrated its first year on Milton Road last week, and used the occasion to celebrate that the dealership has also met its target by raising £10,000 for EACH (the East Anglia's Children's Hospices), the Milton-based charity.

The anniversary coincided with good news from Bentley's chairman and chief executive, Dr Wolfgang Schreiber, who announced: "2012 has been an excellent year for Bentley, with a 22 per cent increase in global sales with 8,510 cars delivered."

Bentley this week unveiled its new open-top performance flagship, the Continental GT Speed Convertible, at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

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Peugeot: Adding value.

Peugeot extends 'Add Fuel' deal

PEUGEOT has added a new model to its 'Just Add Fuel' finance scheme with the aim of helping younger buyers afford a well-maintained new car.

The system, which covers drivers for insurance, servicing, road tax if needed and roadside assistance, means that buyers can keep their cars regularly maintained and in top condition without facing any extra costs – their entire bill is contained within a single monthly payment that spreads the cost over the life of the finance agreement.

Details from Marshall Peugeot on (01223) 377760.

Used price dips means it's a great time to buy

USED car prices are now at their lowest for 15 months – and East Anglia is one of the regions where used car buyers are assured of being able to find some great deals.

Prices of second-hand vehicles dipped by an average of 1.71 per cent between November and December, according to advice site UsedCarExpert.co.uk.

The average price for a used car is now £8,540 – the lowest figure since September 2011.

But while buyers in south-west England are now paying an average of only £6,951 for a second-hand car, those in north-east England are having to fork out as much as £10,805 on average.

The south-west prices last month reflected a fall of 6.31 per cent since November.

Prices also fell sharply in Scotland (down 6.2 per cent) and in East Anglia (down 5.31 per cent).

In contrast, prices rose 6.45 per cent, to £8,087, in the West Midlands. There were also increases in north-east England (up 2.59 per cent) and in the East Midlands (up 1.59 per cent).

UsedCarExpert.co.uk editor Matthew Tumbridge says: "Prices have not been this low for over 12 months and in many regions, used-car prices have fallen as the economy remains weak and unstable and motorists hold on to their vehicles.

"As motorists face rising prices in insurance and fuel in 2013, it certainly pays motorists to shop around to get the best used-car deal, as they can save over £3,500 if they are prepared to travel."

New car buyers look to environmental savings

ONE in three Europeans would spend more to buy an environmentally friendly car even though 71 per cent say they have reduced overall spending as a result of the economic recession, a Ford Motor Company-sponsored poll shows.

The survey also shows 53 per cent consider climate change to be the world's biggest issue and 57 per cent would prefer to lead a more environmentally conscious lifestyle.

"The survey shows that even in economically difficult times there is a clear desire for vehicles that are more environmentally friendly," said Barb Samardzich, vice president product development, Ford of Europe. "Ford is extremely focused on meeting this demand now and in the future, and this goes hand-in-hand with delivering products that help reduce running costs."

Ford commissioned the survey through The Futures Company, a leading consultancy, to better understand the opinions and attitudes of Europeans across a range of mobility issues – from car sharing to green driving to the future of the internal combustion engine.

Zero emissions: The Ford Focus Electric.

The survey shows that for 71 per cent, fuel-efficiency is a major factor in choosing a car; 60 per cent prefer to choose models from carmakers that have targeted a reduction in their environmental impact; and 68 per cent consider fuel-efficiency when driving.

Ford is delivering significant advances in green motoring: ECOnetic variants of the Fiesta and Focus are Ford's most fuel-efficient vehicles ever in Europe, returning 85.6mpg and 83.1mpg respectively.

And Ford's fuel-efficient and powerful 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine, 2012 "International Engine of the Year", is now available in a variety of city and family models including the seven-seat Grand C-Max.

And this year Ford will introduce its first ever zero-tailpipe emissions passenger car in Europe – the Focus Electric, to be joined later by hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles

Also, the new Ford Fiesta offers more engines that can achieve sub-100g/km CO2 emissions than any other small car nameplate. Its combination of advanced new engines, fuel-saving technologies and aerodynamic improvements ensure an unrivalled seven powertrains achieve sub-100g/km CO2 emissions and deliver optimised fuel efficiency.

The Ford Eco Mode coaching system, now also available in the Fiesta, rewards drivers for using fuel-efficient driving techniques by displaying up to five "petals" on each of three "flowers" that represent gear-shifting, speed and anticipation. Ford customer training has found that enhanced eco-driving skills can result in 10 per cent long-term fuel savings.

"The majority of car buyers prefer fuel-efficient vehicles, even if only a minority feel they can afford to invest in one given the current economic climate," said Andreas Ostendorf, vice president of sustainability, environment & safety engineering. "Through its ECOnetic variants and range of 1.0-litre EcoBoost-equipped vehicles, Ford is providing the right balance between climate protection, social equity and customer acceptance."

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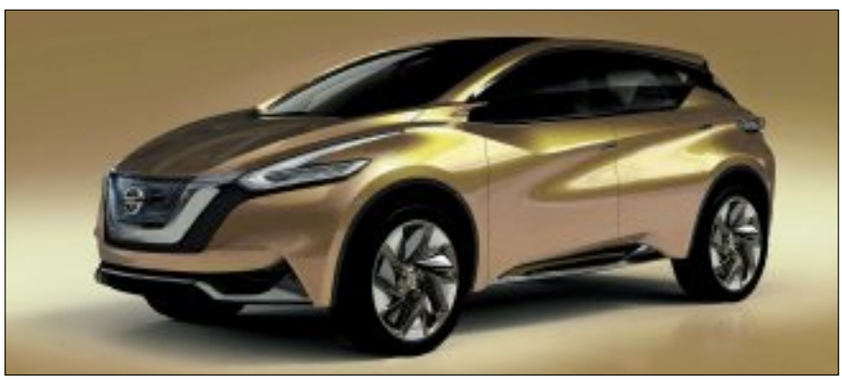

Edgy: The Nissan Resonance 'fuses style with athleticism'.

Nissan Resonances with crossover ideas

WITH its boldly futuristic aerodynamic styling and fuel-efficient hybrid-electric powertrain, the Nissan Resonance concept proposes an all-new dynamic and edgy design that once again leads the trend for the crossover category. The global concept makes its world debut at this week's 2013 North American International Auto Show.

"When the designers were first working on the Nissan Resonance, they were inspired by scientific advancements in technology and material innovations. They also were inspired by the aspirations of those people who embrace innovation. It was about serving those people a concept vehicle that is forward-looking and fuses style with an athletic ride," said Francois Bancon, division general manager, product strategy and planning.

Light on its feet, the exterior design signals that Nissan Resonance is pushing the crossover segment forward.

Nissan's designers worked to express an aerodynamic feel that was lightweight yet also protective. The front exterior design shows the V-Motion, which starts from the front grille, moves through the bonnet and resonates with the iconic boomerang shaped headlights. The body is strengthened by powerful surfaces and provocative lines and is accented by the flow through the car to the kick-up shape at the rear. These distinct details give the crossover a very advanced yet spacious impression.

The roof's unique "floating" design is created through the use of the thin, steeply raked A-pillars, a large full-length glass panel and flowing D-pillar design. The effect created gives the impression of a flowing structure carried by the large windows and overall spaciousness of the cabin.

"For Nissan, this concept makes our statement about the future of this segment," concluded Bancon.

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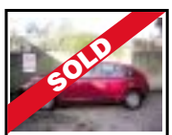

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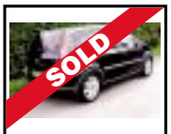

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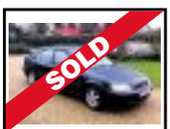

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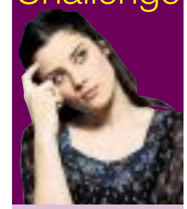

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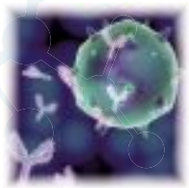

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» Football

Claydon wants to deliver Vase glory

ANDREW Claydon has something of a score to settle when it comes to the FA Vase.

The striker has made a huge impact for Ely in his first season at the Unwin Ground, netting 22 goals in all competitions, with seven coming in their run to the fourth round.

Claydon has made a career of scoring goals, winning a glut of trophies during a brilliant decade at Sudbury, but glory in the FA Vase has always eluded him. And it has certainly not been because of a lack of effort.

Claydon, who works as a postman, reached the semi-finals in 2002, before having to settle for a runners-up medal three years running as Sudbury lost to Brigg, Winchester and Didcot.

West Ham's Upton Park, St Andrew's in Birmingham and Tottenham's White Hart Lane were the venues for Claydon and Sudbury's big days out, and the forward still has fond memories of each occasion.

"It was a competition the club really would have loved to have won," said Claydon.

"I don't know if it was nerves, but we were never able to win it. But they were amazing days.

"Nobody likes losing, but in finals like that it's just nice for the club to experience it.

"We play the football, but then you've got the fans and all the people associated with the club enjoying the day out, so it's a nice day all round for everyone.

"I was unfortunate not to score, but it's something that you can look back on and be proud of. The medals are still in the loft somewhere.

"Now it's back at Wembley there's even more of an incentive because everyone that plays football would love to play there."

Claydon began his career at Newmarket under Bobby Shinton and also had an injury-hit spell with Mildenhall five years ago, where the departure of boss Trevor Munns led to him moving to Felixstowe.

But the 34-year-old father of two is enjoying working under Robins manager Alan Alsop, as well as developing a good understanding with strike partner Richard Chadwick.

"I've been made very welcome," said Claydon. "The club's really well run and Alan is a good manager, so it's been very easy for me to fit in.

"We're creating a lot of chances. I play up front with Chadders and we seem to have hit it off as a partnership. He's scoring goals as well now, so I always fancy us to score in a game."

Claydon fancies Ely's chances of beating Spalding in the fourth round when the game, which was postponed on Saturday and has been rescheduled for this Saturday, gets played as he eyes lifting the trophy at the fourth attempt.

"We're a very good side and, on our day, I'd say we could compete with anybody," said Claydon. "It's all about on the day and it will be the same against Spalding.

"If we get through then whoever we play won't fancy it because we're a tall and physical side."

Hotshot: Andrew Claydon has scored 22 goals in all competitions for Ely City this season.

Robins get home incentive

ELY City have seen their route in the FA Vase mapped out after the draw for the fifth round was made on Monday.

All of last weekend's 16 fourth-round ties fell victim to the wintry weather, including Ely's home game with Spalding United, which has been rearranged for this Saturday.

And if they can defeat Spalding, they will be at home to Rye United or Guernsey, with the fifth-round match scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 9. A backlog of fixtures is already threatening Ely as their game at home to Wisbech on Tuesday in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division was called off and rescheduled for Tuesday, February 12.

Soham Town Rangers will be hoping to return to action on Saturday at Waltham Forest in the Ryman League, Division One North.

Their home games against Romford and Maldon & Tiptree have both been postponed in the last week, with the latter rearranged for Tuesday, March 5.

Meanwhile, in the rugby, Ely are down to be at home to Ipswich YM in the Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

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» Table tennis

Fensom to the max

ROGER Fensom helped himself to another maximum as Elsworth maintained their winning ways over NCI in the Ely & District Table Tennis League, Division One.

Fensom's efforts were added to by team-mates Peter Goatly and Joe Thorogood, who won two apiece, and they ran out 8-2 victors.

The Mohan family showed no mercy as Liam, Patrick and Kieran joined forces to lead Haddenham to a whitewash against two-man Fulbourn II, who lost Harris Ryder to illness on the day of the game.

There was a long match at Ely, where Fulbourn recorded a 7-3 victory, with Andy Merritt leading the visitors' challenge and securing three wins.

A close encounter between Soham Comrades' first and second teams ended all square at 5-5.

A win for James Nicholls over Alan Chambers gave the second-string a 5-4 advantage, but Kevin Gray and Mark Lillyman were triumphant in the doubles to rescue a draw.

In Division Two, Ed Emmerson demonstrated his class once more with a maximum as Haddenham II held Fulbourn IV to a draw.

There was another all-Soham Comrades affair in Division Three as the fifths and the sixths went head to head. And it was the fifth-string that came out on top, dropping only four sets all evening to secure a thumping victory.

The only cheer for the losing team came when Melissa Rule and Syd Rushton won a couple of sets each.

A first league win for Julian Atudoise helped Fulbourn VI register a 7-3 win at the expense of Haddenham III.

He was presented with his chance as Zac Davey was away, and he grabbed it, while Andrew Segar and Matt Gunton did most of the work with three wins apiece.

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